

WHAT IS A MENTOR?

A mentor is a new controlling, opinionated person of authority in your life.

KIDDING!

A mentor (if they're doing it right) is simply someone trying to live out the call of Jesus by investing their life in someone else.

Depending on what kind of mentor you're interested in, it could be as casual as a wise friend you can go to for life advice, or as deep as a trusted guide for your life who knows you inside and out.

Whatever intensity level you choose, their goal is simply to bless you. Whatever insight, life experience, or spiritual growth they've been through, they want to share that so their ceiling can be your floor.

WHAT WILL WE DO? WHAT WILL IT BE LIKE?

That's up to you to decide. You'll get to choose what type of mentoring relationship you're interested in—whether you want a friend who's just one step ahead spiritually to process with or you're looking for a spiritual guru to walk you through the Bible.

You can use the Mentor Tool to search by type of mentor, how deep or casual you want the relationship to be, how often you want to meet, and more.

You can go through content together, just ask questions and process life, and even share where you're in crisis and learn how to heal.

IS IT GOING TO BE AWKWARD?

All new relationships feel a bit clumsy in the beginning when you're getting to know each other, but hopefully it passes quickly. Relationships are worth it. The best way to beat the awkwardness is to start real. Be honest. Dive in. Trust that God is doing something good, and make it worth both of your time.

WHAT IF I DON'T HAVE MUCH TIME?

We get it! Busyness is the biggest barrier to spiritual growth. That's why we built this tool with a variety of intensity levels to fit your life. You can pick anything from "Text Me Only" to "Move In With Me."

(But don't worry, if you pick "move in with me," no one is expecting that to be real any time soon. That option exists because biblical discipleship often looked like that. Just like moving to another country is the fastest way to learn another language, immersion in a Christ-following home is one of the fastest ways to grow your faith. There are people in the community with a heart to grow others who also have an extra room. You'd need to get to know each other first, establish boundaries, and all sorts of other good stuff, but just saying...it's an option.

Don't feel bad about how much time you have. Just ask God how to make the most of the hours you do have. Whatever level you are able to let someone in, it matters. It helps, and it's worth it!

WHAT IF I DON'T LIKE MY PERSON?

It happens! On one hand, sometimes it takes a while to make a connection. So be careful not to write someone off too fast, but if you're sure it's not a fit, it's totally OK to share that.

Just be honest. Try something like, "Hey, I'm not sure this is the best match, and I want you to have someone who can be what you need. How about we look in the tool again for someone else?" If you need to tag us in to help, that's what we're here for, and you can reach out anytime.

