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Next Step Series: Part I
Everyone Has a Next Step to Take
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1. What are the two goals Ted listed for the new series? **(1. To identify and take your next step towards Christ. 2. To identify a friend's next step and invite them to take it.)**
2. What were the four reasons given for not taking the next step. **(Because we'd rather sit and dream about running, fear of the unknown, fear of criticism, fear of failure.)**
3. What is something in general you've only dreamed about doing?
4. What is something in your life with Christ that you've only dreamed of doing?
5. Has the fear of the unknown ever kept you from doing something?
6. Have you ever dared to do something although you faced criticism for it?
7. Has fear of failure stopped you from doing something you felt led to do?
8. What other things besides merely dreaming and fearing the unknown, criticism and failure keep people from taking the next step?
9. Ted used the illustration of the swinging lamp giving us enough light to see just ahead. Did that illustration provide insight or comfort for something particular in your life at this time?
10. Read the main text for Sunday, Numbers 9:15-23. What stood out to you Sunday when Ted read it on the screen or stands out to you as we read it now?
11. Psalm 37:23 says: "The Lord makes firm the steps of the one who delights in him."
*How do we delight in the Lord?
*In what way has God made your steps firm in the past?
12. Ted showed a picture of circles, each inside of another. What were the five groups within the circles beginning with the outside? **(Community, Crowd, Congregation, Committed, Core).**
*What was the difference in Committed and Core in this particular chart?
*Where do you think you fit in?
*What kind of step do you feel the Spirit might be calling you to make?

