

INVESTIGATOR - Pre-Christian Step

- **Read 1 John 2:10-11** - Through this passage, God is helping people evaluate themselves and ask which family they are in: the family of Light (*God's Family*) or Darkness? All of us are born sinners, apart from God and into the family of darkness (Eph. 2:1-3). Part of our spiritual development is understanding whether we have entered God's family or are still apart from it. We call this the **INVESTIGATOR STEP**.

In this step, you might be characterized by:

- **Skepticism** - You don't believe in God, or you don't buy into all of what you think Christianity is, but you are open to investigating what Christianity is about.
- **Spectating** - You aren't skeptical of God, but you still have questions. You are not opposed to God, and you may even go to church to learn more, but you aren't all in yet. You might have personal pains that you feel you need to work through before you can fully trust God.
- **Seeking** - You are very interested in the things of God and Christianity, but you aren't all in yet. You know that if you trust Jesus, you will have to surrender control of your life to him, and you just aren't ready yet.
- **What you might struggle with or need to overcome:** the cynicism of skepticism, personal pains that keep you from exploring Jesus, and a final control or authority over your life.

Questions for the Investigator:

- **Have you trusted Jesus as your savior, or are you investigating him?**
- **What keeps you from trusting Jesus as your savior?**

Next Steps for the Investigator:

- **Church** - Start going to church (or keep coming) and investigate who Jesus actually is.
 - **Community** - Get connected with a Christian who cares about you and ask them questions. You can find a mentor at princetownchurch.com/equip
 - **Equip** - Complete the 321 Course with a Princetown Church Mentor. Discover Jesus' vision for faith & life. Know more: use the QR code.
 - **Serve** - Help serve one time at a church "big event" or serve day, so you can be connected with other Christians
 - **Outreach** - Learn about the gospel. What is keeping you from trusting Jesus today?
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- **Which next step is most appealing to you? Why?**
 - **What would keep you from taking that next step? Will you?**

