

Repeat Our Mission

What's your purpose, your mission? Why do you wake up in the morning?

Galatians 5:6 The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love.

Hebrews 11:6 And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.

1 Samuel 14:1-15

Ecc. 11:4 If you wait for perfect conditions, you'll never get anything done.

James 2:17 In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.

Courage is not the absence of fear, but the absence of self.

Our mission is to help people become Fully devoted followers of Jesus:

What does Fully devoted look like? The Big 5

Worship: loving God back... who "first loved us" (1 John 4:19).

Matthew 22:37-38 Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind."³⁸ This is the first and greatest commandment.

James 4:8 Come close to God, and God will come close to you.

One thing to improve my personal time of worship _____

One thing to improve my Church family worship _____

Grow: Head. Heart. Hands

1 John 2:3 We know that we have come to know him if we obey His commands.

John 13:34-35 "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another."³⁵ By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

One thing I'll do to help my growth is _____

Serve: Saved people serve people.

Serving isn't done out of obligation, but rather, out of the overflow of thankfulness for what Jesus did for us. Jesus doesn't want something from us, He wants something for us- growth... we grow as we serve!

1 Peter 4:10 God has given gifts to each of you from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Manage them well so that God's generosity can flow through you.

Ephesians 2:10 For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us

One thing I'll do to improve my serve is _____

Connect: have a friend, be a friend.

When we share a burden, it gets halved. When we share a joy, it gets doubled! This will ensure a mutual ministry: where people can care and be cared for in their group. **This keeps us from drifting.**

Hebrews 10:24-25 And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds.²⁵ Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another--and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Acts 2:44-46 All the believers were together and had everything in common.⁴⁵ Selling their possessions and goods, they gave to anyone as he had need.⁴⁶ Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts,

Romans 12:10-13 Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves.¹¹ Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord.¹² Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.¹³ Share with God's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.

One thing I'll do to improve my connecting is _____

Reach: Found people find people.

We want to help people far from God take steps toward Him- to see and experience God's life transforming love.

1 Peter 3:15 But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect,

Philemon 1:6 I pray that you may be active in sharing your faith, so that you will have a full understanding of every good thing we have in Christ.

One person I'm praying to reach is _____



1. Have you ever watched an underdog beat the odds? Why do you think that is so satisfying for us to witness?

Read 1 Samuel 14:1-15

2. What kind of odds did Jonathan and his armour bearer have, humanly speaking? Who did they willingly face? What obstacles did they have to overcome? (13:23-14:4)

3. Where was their king, the leader, and their team/backup? (v 2)

4. What was Jonathan's attitude as he started out? And what sort of response did his armour bearer give him? (v 6-7)

5. What was the outcome of Jonathan's bold move? (v 13-15)

6. How did God respond to Jonathan's act of faith? (v 15)

7. Have you faced what seemed like insurmountable obstacles in your life?

8. What is required to be a fully devoted follower of Jesus? What does a fully devoted follower of Jesus look like, practically speaking?

9. How can we please God in our lives? Read Hebrews 11:6.

10. What is faith? (v 1) Read through Hebrews 11 for examples of incredible faith, and consider the obstacles these people faced!

11. Discuss the Big 5 purposes of the Church: Worship, Grow, Serve, Connect, Reach. How can you as a group live these out?

12. For personal reflection this week:

* How does your life reflect your love of God? How do you worship God through the week?

* Are you more like Jesus today than you were 5 years ago? 1 year ago?

* How are you using your God-given spiritual gifts? Do you know what they are?

* Do you connect regularly with Christian brothers and sisters? Do you need more accountability, support, encouragement that comes with connection?

* To whom are you reaching out to draw closer to God? Who has God put in your life as your mission field



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