



### OUR PURPOSE (WHY WE EXIST)

Our reason for existence is "to make Christ known and to disciple the knowing."

### OUR PASSIONS (WHO WE LOVE)

*GOD, THE CHURCH, THE UN-CHURCHED*

We love God because He is uniquely beautiful, infinitely worthy, and supremely valuable. We love the church because it is more than a building; it is the "body of Christ" and the "brotherhood of the saints," a collection of redeemed men and women who find common ground in their love of Jesus. We love the un-churched because God loves the un-churched, and He wants to use us to make His love known.

### OUR PRACTICES (WHAT WE DO)

*WORSHIP, MINISTRY, MISSIONS*

Because we love God, we worship Him (Father, Son, and Spirit) through relevant music and engaging preaching; knowing that He alone deserves our worship. Because we love our brothers and sisters in Christ, we do ministry (acts of service by the church for the church), knowing that the world will see our love for each other as proof of our love for God. We engage in missional acts of service because we know that eternity is real and really long.

Our hope is to bring the life-changing gospel of Jesus to those who don't know God, so they can experience forgiveness, and spend eternity in grateful worship of God, instead of experiencing God's wrath in the eternal torment of Hell.

## In His Steps

### The Goal

1 Peter 1 & 2

#### GOALS:

1. To grow in relationship with God.
2. To grow in relationship with others.
3. To grow our groups and start new groups.

**FACILITATOR:** The questions that follow are designed to stir reflection and discussion on last week's message. Please read through them prior to your meeting, so you can be prepared to prayerfully pace your group well. And remember, a facilitator's goal is to promote increased biblical awareness, as well as individual self-awareness— a combination that with the help of the Holy Spirit, results in revelation and transformation.

**REVIEW:** What is the current series? Why are we doing this? What is this week's title? Why is this subject important to study?

- According to James' sermon, what is the goal?

#### BIBLE STUDY AND APPLICATION:

- What was the first time you heard the phrase, "What would Jesus do?" Did you know it originated from Sheldon's book, *In His Steps*? What did it mean to you?

#### Read 1 Peter 1:1-2

- What are some specific words used by Peter that clarify the goal? Why? How would you paraphrase what Peter is saying in these verses?
- Ask the group to recite the Ten Commandments. Ask the group to share what's in Peter's list without peeking.

#### Read Exodus 20:1-17, 1 Peter 1:13-16, 2:1-3

- Why are we more aware of the "Big Ten" and not so much with the New Testament writers? How does Peter's list help in the pursuit of the goal?

#### Read 1 Peter 2:9-20

- In verses 9-10, is Peter referring to Judaism or Christianity (nation of Israelites or Kingdom of God)? How do we distinguish nationalities? What are the distinguishing traits of a follower of Jesus?

#### Read 1 Peter 2:21-25

- Is Jesus as *our example* realistic?
- How significant is it that Peter is the one writing these words?

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

October 10<sup>th</sup> - No One Goes Hungry Monthly Dinner, 1-4pm  
 October 17<sup>th</sup> - Family Fun Day @ NAC, 1-4pm