



### **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**

*When God is Not in Control: Truth*

Matthew 5:33-37

#### **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?

- How many of you have taken a polygraph/lie detector test? If you have, share with the group your experience.
- How many of you have taken the oath to testify in court? If you have, share with the group your experience.

#### **BIBLE STUDY AND APPLICATION:**

**Read Matt 5:33-37, Lev 19:12, Num 30:2, Deut 23:21-23, Jas 5:21)**

- Having read the passages, what do you think was Jesus' main concern for people taking oaths/vows? And, was Jesus speaking against the use of ALL oaths/vows?
- Which of the Ten Commandments is this subject directly related to? How can we violate this commandment when we don't honor our vows?
- What is the role of God in current/cultural use of oaths/vows?
- What is the significance of Matthew 5:37 for believers, and what is Jesus' warning to us for not adhering?

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Nov.26<sup>th</sup>** – Thanksgiving Dinner (Hosted by Sunday Night Life Group – Suite 7602- 12pm

**Dec.24<sup>th</sup>** – Advent Celebration – Worship Center – 6:30pm