



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: Revenge

Matthew 5:38-42

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 wanted to take revenge on someone who has wronged you? Why did you feel you needed to exact revenge?

BIBLE STUDY AND APPLICATION:

Read Matt 5:38-42

- Having read the passage, how is Jesus' message different from how our current society views revenge?
- How does Jesus stress the act of giving to others, rather than taking from them?

Read Romans 12:17-19

- After reading, how does Paul suggest we act towards others?

Read Colossians 3:12-13

- After reading the passage, how are we to use the example of Jesus in forgiving others? Why do you think this is so hard for some?
- How can our actions/good works influence others to repent and accept salvation?

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Dec.6th – Life Group Semester Ends (Last Week)

Dec.13th-Jan.3rd – Life Group Sign-ups

Dec.24th – Advent Celebration – Worship Center – 6:30pm