

Passion and Purpose In Our Life Together

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▲▲ *When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say the Son of Man is?” They replied, “Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” “But what about you?” he asked. “Who do you say I am?” Simon Peter answered, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” Jesus replied, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by man, but by my Father in heaven. And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it.▼▼*

—Matthew 16:13-18 (NIV)

The Main Thing: Our life together will always be a key part of developing a passion for Jesus and his purposes in the earth.

God’s plan has always been for people...together...

1. Who We Are Shapes What We Do.

▲▲ *You are a mighty man of God” - banging on the door...now in ministry...▼▼*

—Body (Eph. 1:22-23)

▲▲ *And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.▼▼*

—Ephesians 1:22-23 (NIV)

Bride (Eph. 5:31-32)

▲▲ *For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one*

flesh.” This is a profound mystery—but I am talking about Christ and the church. ▀▀

—Ephesians 5:31-32 (NIV)

Family (Eph. 2:19)

▀▀ Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and aliens, but fellow citizens with God’s people and members of God’s household, ▀▀

—Ephesians 2:19 (NIV)

Building (Eph. 2:21)

▀▀ In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. ▀▀

—Ephesians 2:21 (NIV)

2. What We Do Expresses God’s Life.

One Another...

- “Be at peace with one another” (Mk. 9:50)
- “Wash one another’s feet” (Jn. 13:14)
- “Love one another” (Jn 13:34)
- “Honor one another above yourselves” (Rom. 12:10)
- “Live in harmony with one another” (Rom. 12:16)
- “Stop passing judgment on one another” (Rom. 14:13)
- “Accept one another” (Rom. 15:7)
- “Instruct one another” (Rom. 15:14)
- “Greet one another with a holy kiss.” (2 Cor. 13:12)
- “Serve one another in love” (Gal. 5:13)
- “Carry each other’s burdens” (Gal. 6:2)
- “Be patient, bearing with one another in love” (Eph. 4:2)
- “Be kind and compassionate to one another” (Eph. 4:32)
- “Forgiving each other” (Eph. 4:32)
- “Speak to one another in psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs” (Eph. 5:19)
- “Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ” (Eph. 5:21)
- “Bear with each other” (Col. 3:13)
- “Forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another” (Col. 3:13)

- “Teach and Admonish one another” (Col. 3:16)
- “Encourage one another” (1 Thess. 5:11)
- “Encourage one another daily” (Heb. 3:13)
- “Spur one another on to love and good deeds” (Heb. 10:24)
- “Keep on loving one another as brothers and sisters” (Heb. 13:1)
- “Do not slander one another” (Js. 4:11)
- “Don’t grumble against one another” (Js. 5:9)
- “Confess your sins to each other” (Js. 5:16)
- “Pray for each other” (Js. 5:16)
- “Offer hospitality to one another” (1 Pet. 4:9)
- “Clothe yourselves with humility toward one another” (1 Pet. 5:5)
- “Love one another” (1 Jn. 3:11)

3. God’s Life Cannot Be Contained.

▀▀ *He also said, “This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man scatters seed on the ground. Night and day, whether he sleeps or gets up, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how. All by itself the soil produces grain—first the stalk, then the head, then the full kernel in the head. As soon as the grain is ripe, he puts the sickle to it, because the harvest has come.* ▀▀

—Mark 4:26-29 (NIV)

To share and multiply the life of Christ in the church through new disciples, new LifeGroups, and new congregations to the glory of God and the joy of all peoples!

“Those who love their dream of a Christian community more than the community itself will become destroyers of that Christians community even though their personal intentions may be ever so honest, earnest and sacrificial.” - Dietrich Bonhoeffer