## **Three Guiding Scriptures**

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## 1. Christianity is about Grace.

"As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our flesh and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature deserving of wrath. But because of his great love us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in transgressions – it is by grace you have have been saved. And God raised us up in Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, in order that in coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith – and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God – not by works – so that no one can boast." Ephesians 2:1-9

## 2. Christianity is About a Personal relationship with Jesus.

"'The days are coming," declares the Lord," when I will make a new covenant...It will not be like the covenant I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to lead them out of Egypt, because they broke my covenant, though I was a husband to them,'" declares the Lord, "...I will be their God, and they shall be my people...for I will forgive their wickedness and remember their sins no more."

Jeremiah 31:31-34

## 3. Christianity is About Impacting the World.

"A Samaritan, as he traveled, came where a man was [who had been beaten and left for dead] and he took pity on him He went to him and bandaged his wounds. pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him. The next day he took out [money] and gave it to the innkeeper. 'Look after him,' he said, 'and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.' [Jesus then told the expert in the law], 'Go and do likewise."