

OUR MISSION:

**To be Transformed
as we Follow Jesus Daily,
Leading Others To Do the Same**

Scripture:

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2 Corinthians 5:17 This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!

Romans 12:2 Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.

Ephesians 4:23 Instead, let the Spirit renew your thoughts and attitudes.

Titus 3:5 he saved us, not because of the righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He washed away our sins, giving us a new birth and new life through the Holy Spirit.



Definition:

The Holy Spirit is at work in the lives of believers, transforming them into the likeness of Jesus. Jesus called his disciples to follow him and told them that the result would be that they would become those who “fish for people”. Following Jesus meant going where he went and doing what he did with the result that they would become like him.

The term Christian literally means “little Christ.” This “becoming like Jesus” is the transformation we are referring to in this mission statement.

Thoughts:

"God is looking for men and women who will never be content with mere experiences and "blessings," but who will take up the cross daily and follow Jesus and thus manifest in their lives and in their service the reality of those words, "It is no longer I, but Christ that lives in me." This, and this alone is the Spirit-filled life."

— Zac Poonen

"The Bible was not given for our information but for our transformation."

— D.L. Moody

Reflections:

How has your faith changed you in the last 5 years?

Has anything changed in how you live out your faith in the last 5 years?

Who influences your faith today?

What does it mean to follow Jesus?

How do people see that you are a follower of Jesus?

What would you most like the Holy Spirit to change in you to make you more like Jesus?

Who are some of the people that you have influenced and how have they changed?

Who do you know that is most comfortable sharing their faith?

Who might you invite this week to accompany you to a faith activity?

Scripture continued:

Colossians 3:10 Put on your new nature, and be renewed as you learn to know your Creator and become like him.

Romans 8:29 For God knew his people in advance, and he chose them to become like his Son, so that his Son would be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters.

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2 Corinthians 4:16 That is why we never give up. Though our bodies are dying, our spirits are being renewed every day.

Psalm 1:1-2 (ESV). Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; ² But they delight in the law of the Lord, meditating on it day and night.

Psalm 145:2 (ESV). Every day I will bless you and praise your name forever and ever.

Lamentations 3:22-23 The faithful love of the Lord never ends! His mercies never cease. ²³ Great is his faithfulness; his mercies begin afresh each morning.

Matthew 4:19 (ESV) Jesus said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men."

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John 20:21 Jesus said, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I am sending you."

John 13:14 And since I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you ought to wash each other's feet.

Matthew 28:16-20 Then the eleven disciples left for Galilee, going to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. ¹⁷ When they saw him, they worshiped him—but some of them doubted! ¹⁸ Jesus came and told his disciples, "I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. ¹⁹ Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. ²⁰ Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

1 Peter 3:15 Instead, you must worship Christ as Lord of your life. And if someone asks about your Christian hope, always be ready to explain it.