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**Our Mission: Love God, Build Relationships, and Serve Others**

We are a family who have been changed and found meaning in life through Jesus Christ. We will offer grace leading to freedom and truth to everyone in all life-stages. We will love each other and our community by seeking to meet heart-felt needs.

**Acts 18:8** - *Crispus, the leader of the synagogue, and everyone in his household believed in the Lord. Many others in Corinth also heard Paul, became believers, and were baptized.*

**Those Who Had Received Jesus As Lord And Were Baptized In His Name**

**Acts 20:7** - *On the first day of the week, we gathered with the local believers to share in the Lord's Supper. Paul was preaching to them, and since he was leaving the next day, he kept talking until midnight.*

- 1) **To Receive Instruction.**
- 2) **Use Their Spiritual Gifts.**

**They Believed and Taught:**

1. **The Scriptures Were Inspired By The Holy Spirit.**

**2 Timothy 3:16-17** - *All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. <sup>17</sup> God uses it to prepare and equip his people to do every good work.*

**2 Peter 1:20** - *Above all, you must realize that no prophecy in Scripture ever came from the prophet's own understanding, <sup>21</sup> or from human initiative. No, those prophets were moved by the Holy Spirit, and they spoke from God.*

2. **The Scriptures Were Written To The Church.**

**Romans 1:7** - *I am writing to all of you in Rome who are loved by God and are called to be his own holy people. May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ give you grace and peace.*

**1 Corinthians 1:2** - *I am writing to God's church in Corinth, to you who have been called by God to be his own holy people. He made you holy by means of Christ Jesus, just as he did for all people everywhere who call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, their Lord and ours.*

**Galatians 1:2** - *All the brothers and sisters here join me in sending this letter to the churches of Galatia.*

### **3. The Scriptures Carried The Authority Of God.**

**Exodus 4:22** - *Then you will tell him, 'This is what the LORD says: Israel is my firstborn son.*

**1 Samuel 15:10** - *Then the LORD said to Samuel,*

**Romans 15:10** - *And in another place it is written, "Rejoice with his people, you Gentiles."*

**Romans 10:11** - *As the Scriptures tell us, "Anyone who trusts in him will never be disgraced."*

**Acts 17:11** - *And the people of Berea were more open-minded than those in Thessalonica, and they listened eagerly to Paul's message. They searched the Scriptures day after day to see if Paul and Silas were teaching the truth.*

### **Sharing Was A Noticeable Part Of The Early Church**

**Acts 2:44-45** - *And all the believers met together in one place and shared everything they had. <sup>45</sup> They sold their property and possessions and shared the money with those in need.*

### **The New Testament Connects Sharing With Real Faith**

**James 1:27** - *Pure and genuine religion in the sight of God the Father means caring for orphans and widows in their distress and refusing to let the world corrupt you.*

**1 John 3:17-18** - *But whoever has the world's goods, and sees his brother in need and closes his heart against him, how does the love of God abide in him? <sup>18</sup> Little children, let us not love with word or with tongue, but in deed and truth.*

### **We Are Most Like Jesus When We Share Ourselves With Those He Brings Into Our Lives**

**1 Corinthians 9:19-23** - *For though I am free from all men, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I may win more. <sup>20</sup> To the Jews I became as a Jew, so that I might win Jews; to those who are under the Law, as under the Law though not being myself under the Law, so that I might win those who are under the Law; <sup>21</sup> to those who are without law, as without law, though not being without the law of God but under the law of Christ, so that I might win those who are without law. <sup>22</sup> To the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak; I have become*

*all things to all men, so that I may by all means save some. <sup>23</sup> I do all things for the sake of the gospel, so that I may become a fellow partaker of it.*

- 1. Find Common Ground With Others.**
- 2. Avoid A Know-It-All Attitude.**
- 3. Make Others Feel Known And Worthwhile.**
- 4. Be Sensitive To Others' Needs And Concerns.**
- 5. Look For Opportunities To Tell About Christ.**