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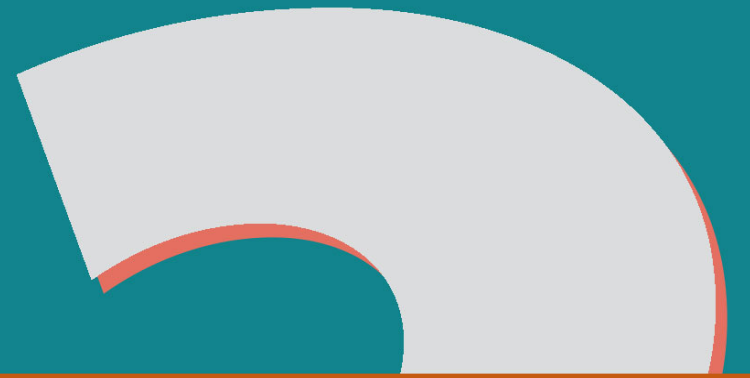
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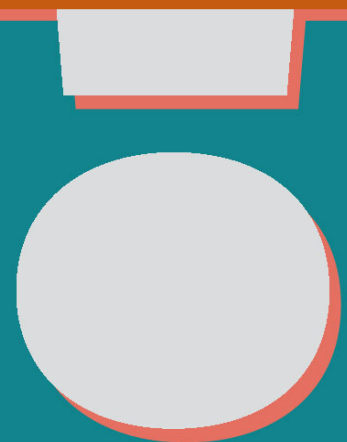


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Communion with God
and with His people

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Worship happens when we set our
mind's attention and our
heart's affection
on the LORD
for *who* He is
and for *what* He has done.

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*Worship is the profound celebration
of God and His supreme worth
in such a manner that
His worthiness becomes the norm
and inspiration for human living.*

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Psalm 139:14-16

I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well. My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth. Your eyes saw my unformed substance; in your book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for me, when as yet there was none of them.

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Matthew 28:16-18

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John 17

¹⁶ They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world.

¹⁷ Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth.

¹⁸ As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world.

¹⁹ And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth.

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Ephesians 1:11-14

In Him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of Him who works all things according to the counsel of His will, so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of His glory. In Him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in Him, ***were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, who is the guarantee of our inheritance*** until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of His glory.

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I Thessalonians 2:8

So, being affectionately desirous of you, we were ready to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you had become very dear to us.

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Colossians 1: 27-28

²⁷ To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. ²⁸ Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may ***present everyone mature in Christ.***

²⁹ For this I toil, struggling with all His energy that He powerfully works within me.

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1 Peter 3

¹⁵...but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect,...

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Luke 6: 32-36

- 32 “If you love those who love you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them.
- 33 And if you do good to those who do good to you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners do the same.
- 34 And if you lend to those from whom you expect to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to get back the same amount.
- 35 But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return, and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, for He is kind to the ungrateful and the evil.
- 36 ***Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful.***

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- *September*
 - *August 26th*
 - *September 25th*
 - *October 8th*
 - *November 27th*
 - *December 24th*
 - *January 1st*
 - *Late January*
- BLT's / Small Groups*
 - Food Truck Night*
 - Annual Business Meeting
and Baptism Palooza*
 - New City Fellowship Rally*
 - All Church Bonfire*
 - Christmas Eve*
 - New Year's Day Palooza*
 - Team to Haiti*

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So.....therefore.....what now?

- ***September +***

- Volunteer in the schools***
- Serve with First Responders Team***
- Facilities upkeep gang***
- Widows/single women's support***
- Tech and media***
- ***Things outside of Quest***
- Quest Kid's***
- Quest Student's***
- Legends (65+)***

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Our Purpose Statement:

To glorify God by making disciples:

- *who know God personally and worship Him sincerely;*
- *who apply Biblical truth to daily living;*
- *who generously share their lives and resources with their brothers and sisters in Christ;*
- *and who are burdened and equipped to reach the world for Christ.*

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Our Mantra:

To be a people and a place where

- *the skeptic*
- *the inquirer*
- *and the already convinced*

can find room and reason

- *to belong*
- *to believe*
- *and to be transformed.*

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in short:

Seek God

Love People

Engage Life

Find Hope

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our byline:

...a people in and for the community.

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