



What is Our Mission?



Our Mission is to Model and Teach people to glorify God by learning to Think, Act and Love like Jesus.

How Will We Do That?



People will be starting to "Think, Act and Love like Jesus," when:

- We enjoy celebrating and trusting God
- We respond *Biblically* to the circumstances of life
- We serve Selflessly
- We are a Rescuer

People Of Prayer



- **Becoming People of Prayer is learning to Trust God:**
 - That He Cares and is a Good God
 - That He is Able to Answer Prayer
 - That He is Willing to Answer Prayer
 - That He Will Answer Prayer

God Wants to Communicate to Us



- **John 8:47** - He who belongs to God hears what God says.
- **Amos 3:7** - Surely the Sovereign LORD does nothing without revealing His plan to His servants the prophets.
- **Phil 2:13** - for it is God who works in you to will and to act according to His good purpose

Why Don't I Hear From God?



- 1. We are not His**
 - **John 8:47** - He who belongs to God hears what God says. The reason you do not hear is that you do not belong to God.
- 2. An Unwillingness to deal with Sin**
 - **Psalms 66:18**... If I had cherished sin in my heart, the Lord would not have listened;

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- Am I a "Fool" or just "Simple"? Prov.1:7, 22-23, 32-33
- God comes with an invitation to listen and live
- God knows my heart
- Psalms 139:2,3 ... You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar. You discern my going out and lying down; you are familiar with all my ways.
- Ps.81:10-14 "But my people did not listen to me..."

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3. Am I living "Self-Centered" or "God-Centered"
- Isaiah 55:8 - "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declares the LORD
 - Change is usually a process, not an event

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3. Am I living a "Self-Centered" rather than a "God-Centered" life.
- Am I open and wanting to hear what God is doing so I can join Him?
 - Or am I wanting to tell God what I want to do for Him?
 - Or am I telling God what I want Him to do for me?
 - Die daily – 1 Cor.15:31

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4. Husbands not respecting their wives!
- 1 Peter 3:7 - Husbands, in the same way be considerate as you live with your wives, and treat them with respect as the weaker partner and as heirs with you of the gracious gift of life, so that nothing will hinder your prayers.
 - Eph.5:25-28 Husbands, go all out in your love for your wives, exactly as Christ did for the church—a love marked by giving, not getting.

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5. We do not take time to Listen.
- Eccl.5:1-3; Guard your steps when you go to the house of God. Go near to listen rather than to offer the sacrifice of fools, who do not know that they do wrong.
 - Take time to be quiet! – Ps.46:10 "Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth."

How Should I Pray?



- It is really about **Relationship!**
- There are simple systems to help us
- A – Adoration C – Confession T – Thanksgiving S – Supplication
- The Lord's Prayer – Matt.6:9-13
- The 7 S
- **Just Do It!**