

Tag, You're It!
"The Depth of Reach"

What is the point of the Christian Life?

2 Corinthians 3:18 NIV

And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate a the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.

Romans 8:28-29 NIV

28 And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. 29 For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters.

THE POINT IS TRANSFORMATION

We are Formed into the Image of Jesus

- We steward the Integrity of His Image.
- We steward the Influence of His Love.

REACH REQUIRES FORMATION!

THE GREAT COMMISSION

Matthew 28:18-20 NIV

18 Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

WHAT WE EXPECT FOR

- ➔ Relationship with Christ
- ➔ Engaged in Community
- ➔ Active in Service
- ➔ Leverage Your Life

Our effectiveness is a result of our willingness to participate and connect.

OUR MISSION

To REACH People and HELP them WALK with God

REACH

- Our Reach is a Function of WHAT & WHO we are Willing to Care about.
- Our Reach is the EXPRESSION of God's Love through the EXTENSION of Ourselves.

Matthew 9:36-38 NIV

36 When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. 37 Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. 38 Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."

"Until Jesus returns, I want to train my heart towards compassion, not hatred, irritation, or frustration. God's Kingdom is the only lasting system. It is the one originally established by God and the one being restored by God. Everything else is harassment and helplessness."
(Rick Shafer)

THE DEPTH OF REACH

- The Way of the Kingdom is not Solution, but Redemption.
- Redemption works within the brokenness.
- Redemption does not require us to formulate a plan, but to cultivate Compassion.
- Redemption cannot be understood apart from Compassion.

CULTIVATE COMPASSION

- What do you feel a sense of burden for?
- What might redemption be like?
- How are you cultivating compassion?
- How might Jesus shape what you care about?