

You're Invited: Part 1 of 6
An Introduction
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2nd Corinthians 5:16-21: "16 So we have stopped evaluating others from a human point of view. At one time we thought of Christ merely from a human point of view. How differently we know him now! 17 This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!

18 And all of this is a gift from God, who brought us back to himself through Christ. And God has given us this task of reconciling people to him. 19 For God was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself, no longer counting people's sins against them. And he gave us this wonderful message of reconciliation. 20 So we are Christ's ambassadors; God is making his appeal through us. We speak for Christ when we plead, "Come back to God!" 21 For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin,[a] so that we could be made right with God through Christ."

THE 5 WORDS TO DESCRIBE WHO WE ARE:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Our mission is to LOVE God; GROW as disciples and SERVE others.

How do we do that? By living out our vision for the world. Our vision is radiating God's love here, there, and everywhere.

How do we do that? We do that by reorganizing and reprioritizing things in our lives so that all that we say and do reflects our core values.

Our core values are...

- WELCOME all people and inspire them to connect with a perfect God by centering their lives on Jesus Christ.
- NURTURE one another in Christian community.
- CHALLENGE one another to intentionally grow as we journey toward becoming fully

devoted Disciples of Christ.

- EQUIP the church to fulfill God's call through strategic team-based ministries.
- EMPOWER the next generation to lead.
- GO into Fort Myers and the world with fresh expressions of God's love.
- CELEBRATE what God is doing in lives and communities.