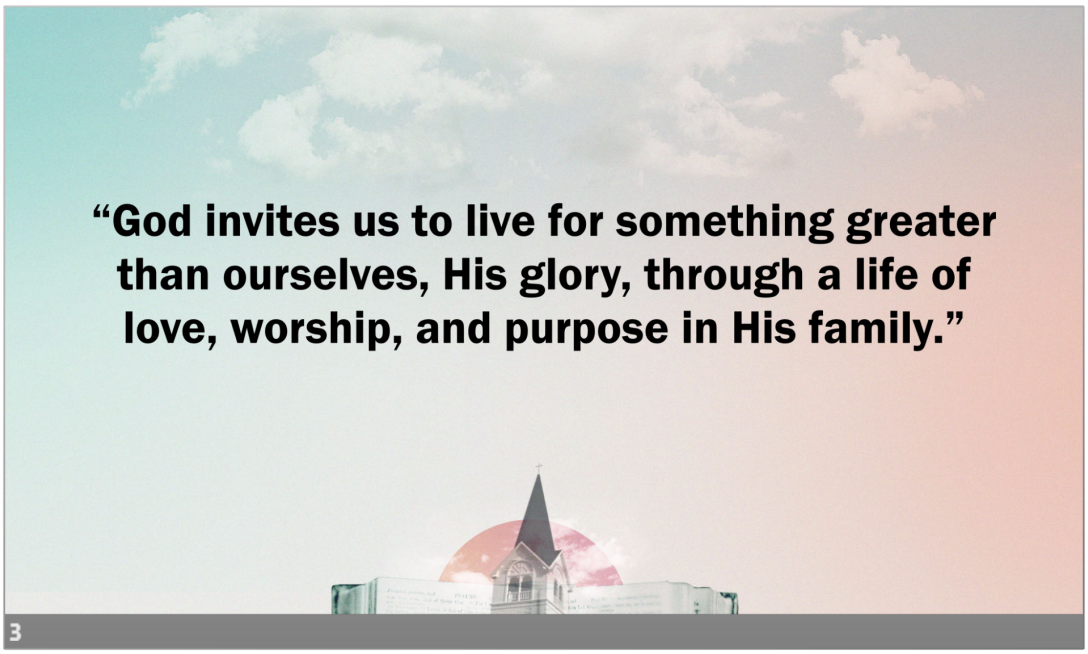
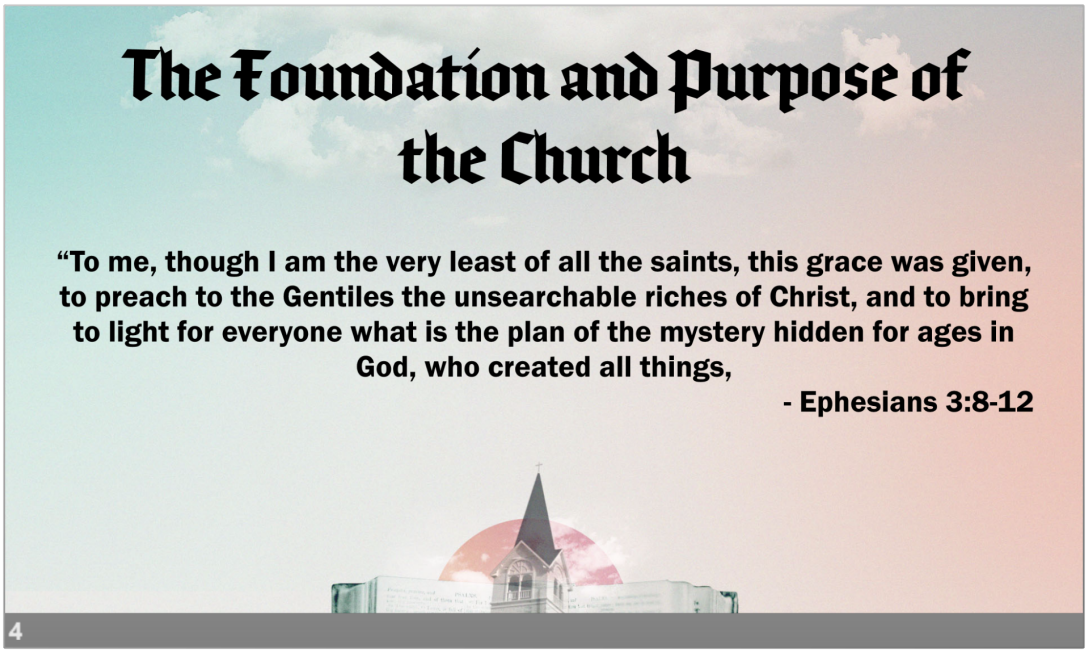
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Belonging
WHY CHURCH MATTERS
1 Group


Made For More:
Living With A Bigger Purpose
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"God invites us to live for something greater than ourselves, His glory, through a life of love, worship, and purpose in His family."
3


The Foundation and Purpose of the Church
"To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God, who created all things,
- Ephesians 3:8-12
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The Foundation and Purpose of the Church

so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was according to the eternal purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in him."

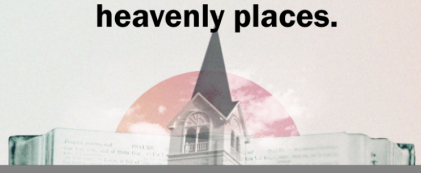
- Ephesians 3:8-12



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God's Attributes

- Omniscience (All-Knowing)
  "Hidden for ages"
- Omnipotence (All-Powerful)
  "Created all things"
- Omnipresence (Everywhere at once)
  God reveals Himself on earth and in heavenly places.



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Where does this authority and ability come from?

"Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know—this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it."

- Acts 2:22-24



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"So, then you are no longer strangers and aliens,but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit."

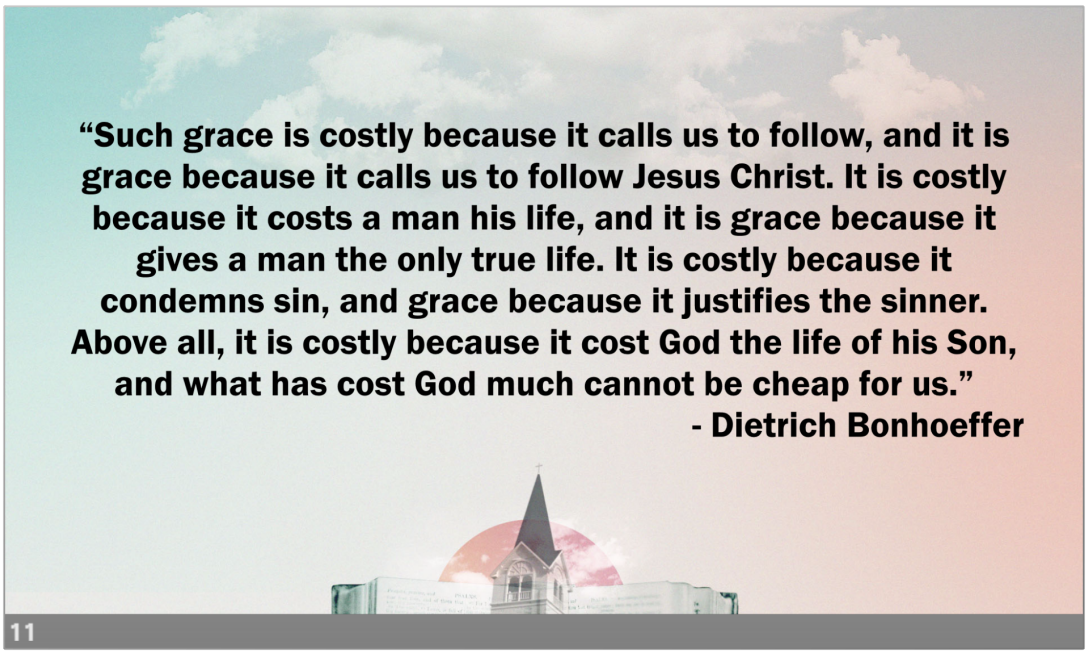
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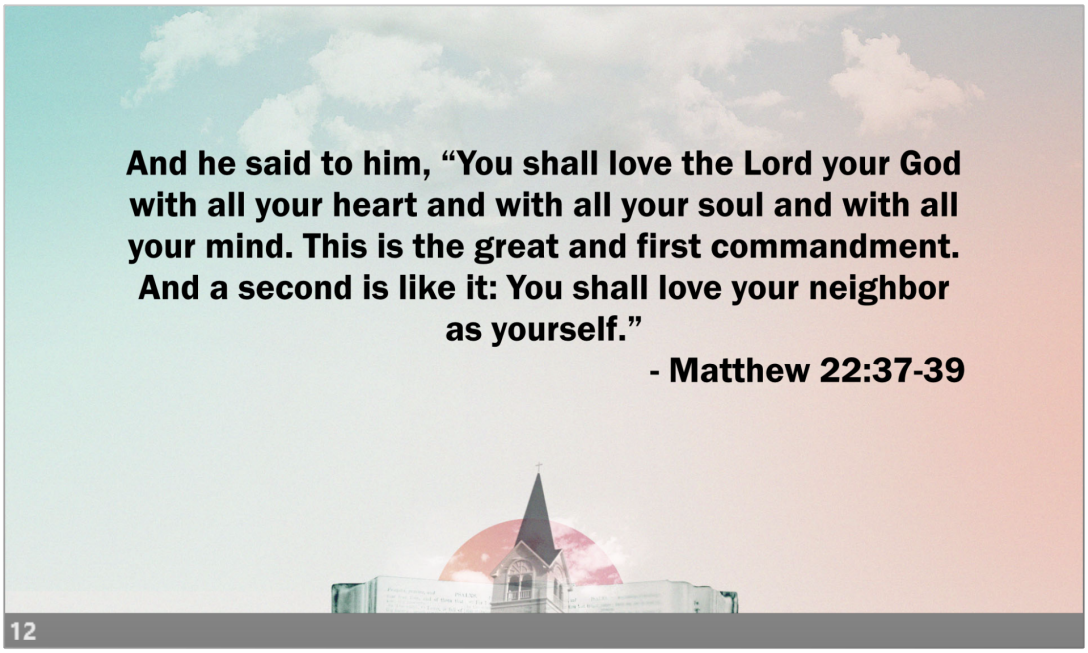


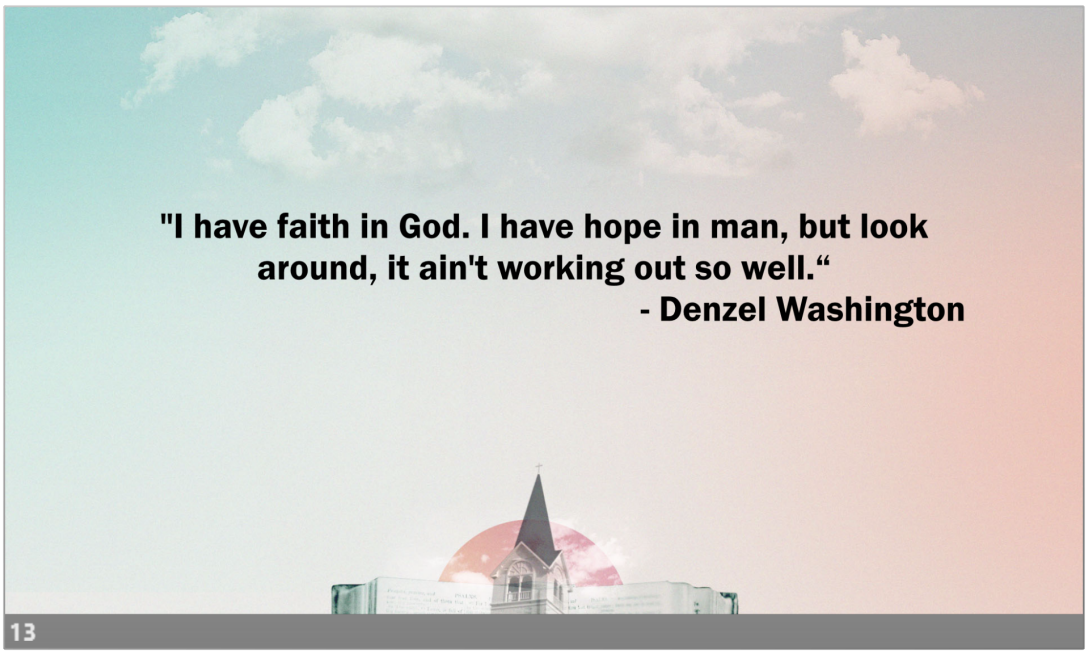
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Core Values
SURRENDER
COMMUNITY
MISSION
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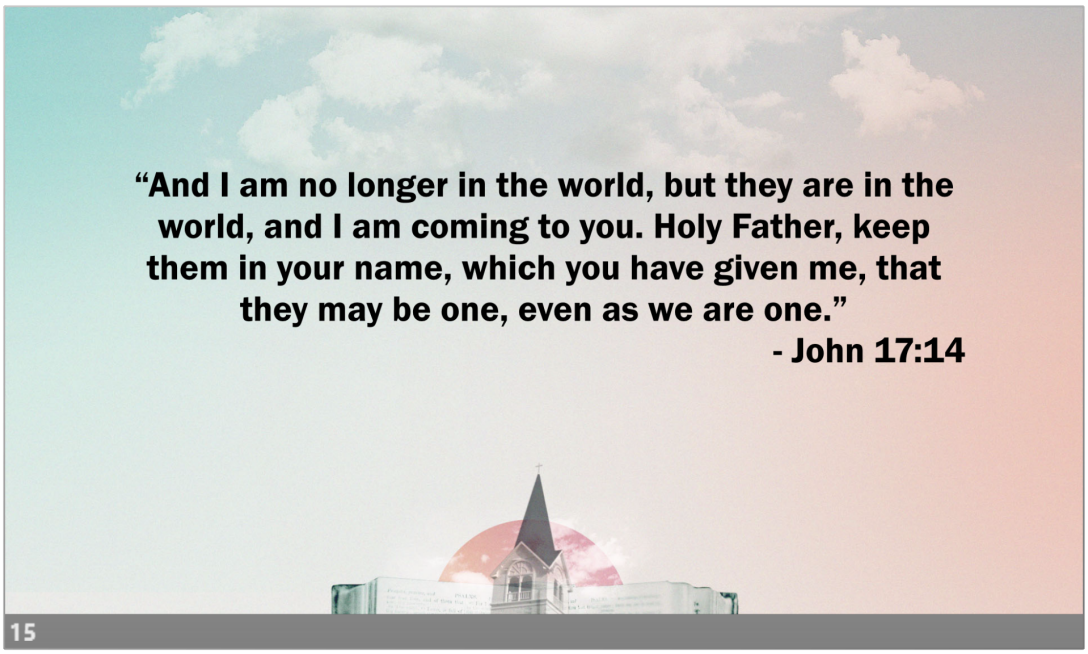

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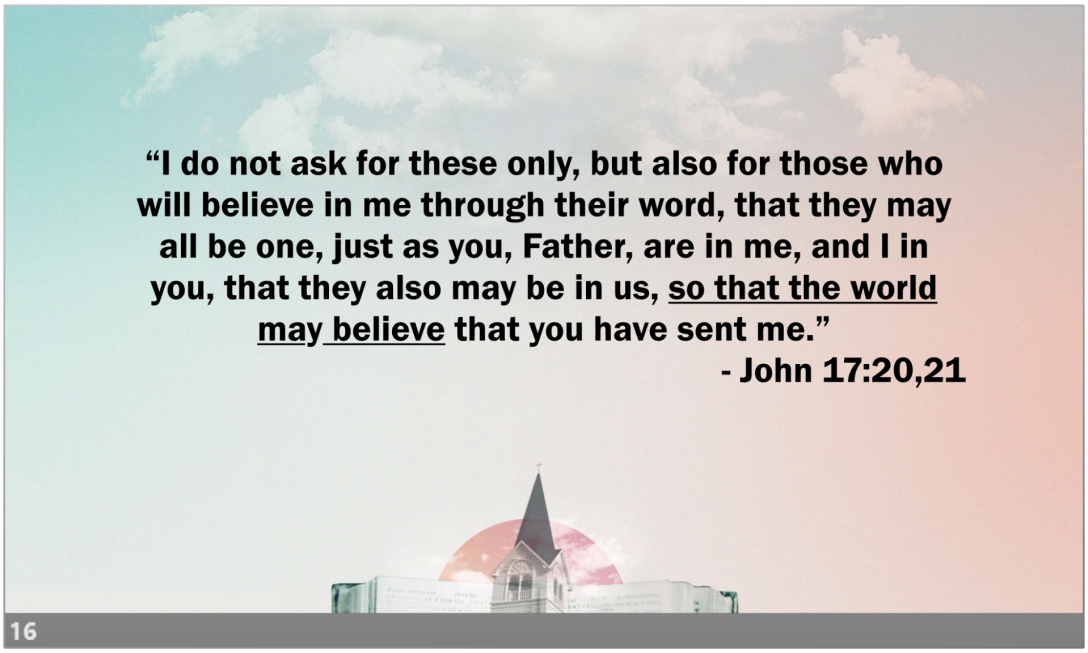

“Such grace is costly because it calls us to follow, and it is grace because it calls us to follow Jesus Christ. It is costly because it costs a man his life, and it is grace because it gives a man the only true life. It is costly because it condemns sin, and grace because it justifies the sinner. Above all, it is costly because it cost God the life of his Son, and what has cost God much cannot be cheap for us.”
- Dietrich Bonhoeffer
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And he said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”
- Matthew 22:37-39
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"I have faith in God. I have hope in man, but look around, it ain't working out so well."
- Denzel Washington
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Community
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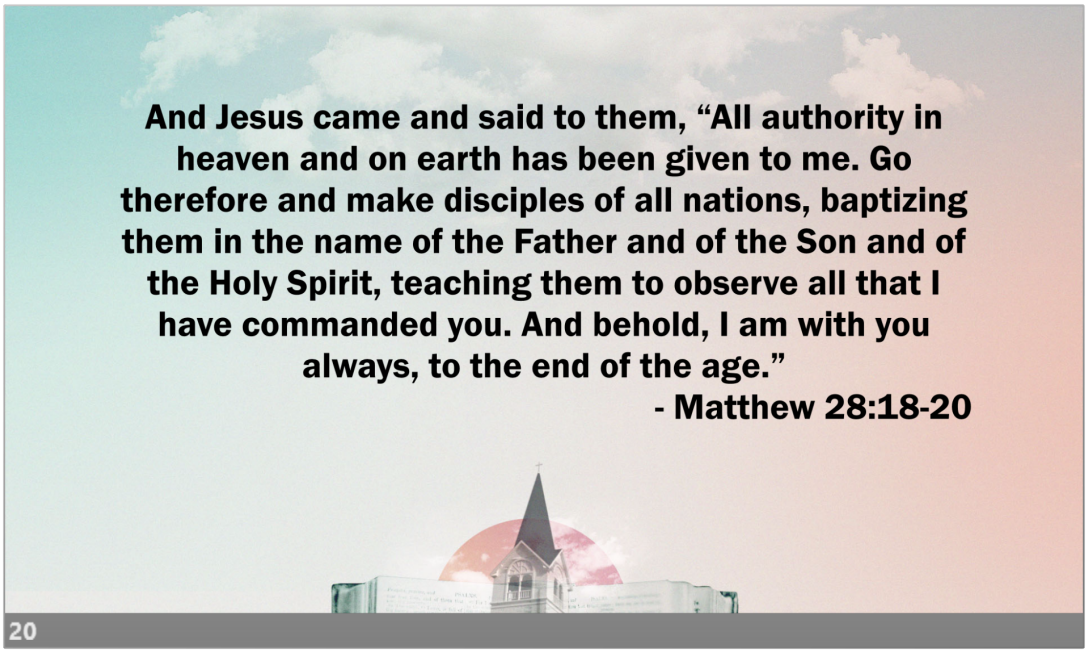

"And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one."
- John 17:14
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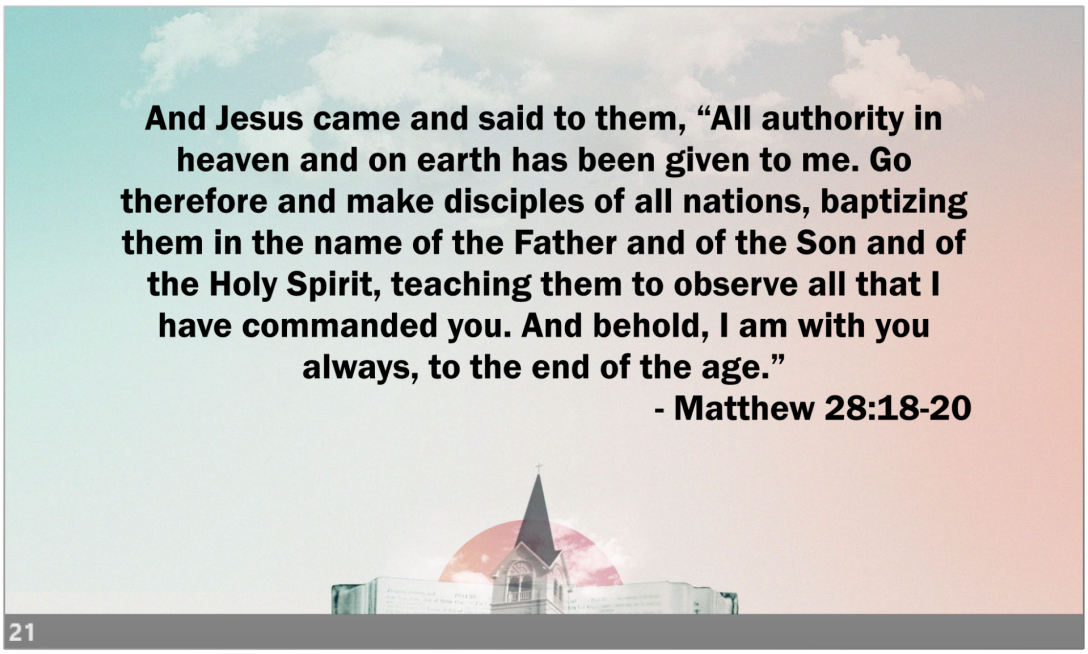

"I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me."
- John 17:20,21
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"The church is truly significant because it provides opportunities to be refreshed spiritually, experience God through others who are pursuing Him, practice spiritual disciplines, experience corporate worship, and disciple others."
- TBC Member
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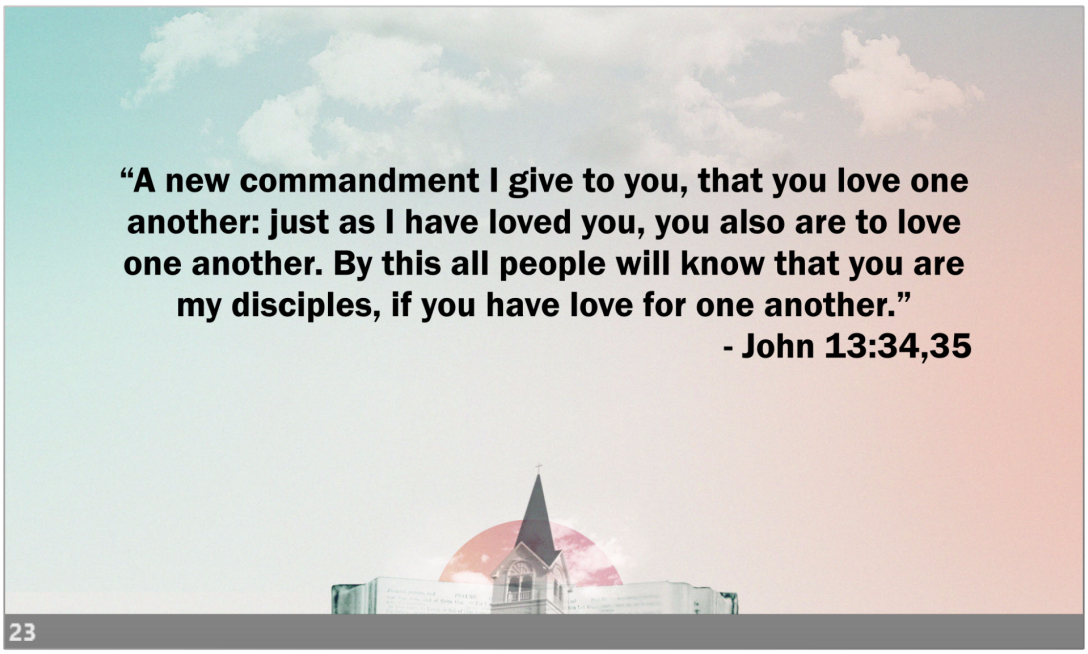

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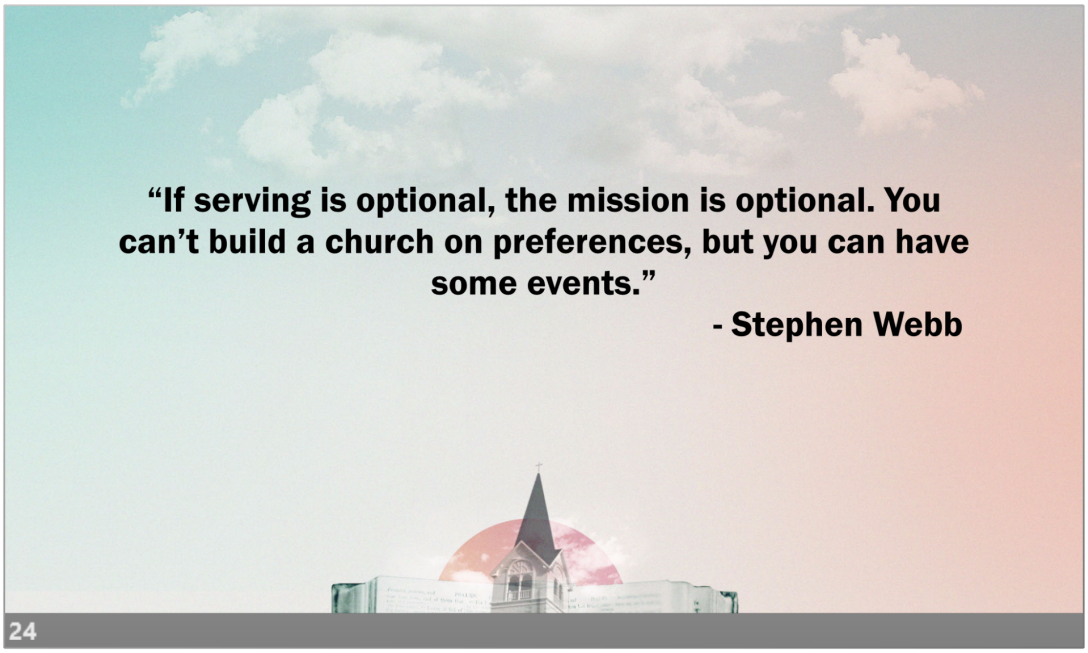

CRUISE SHIP OR BATTLESHIP?
Ephesians 6:10-18 (NIV)
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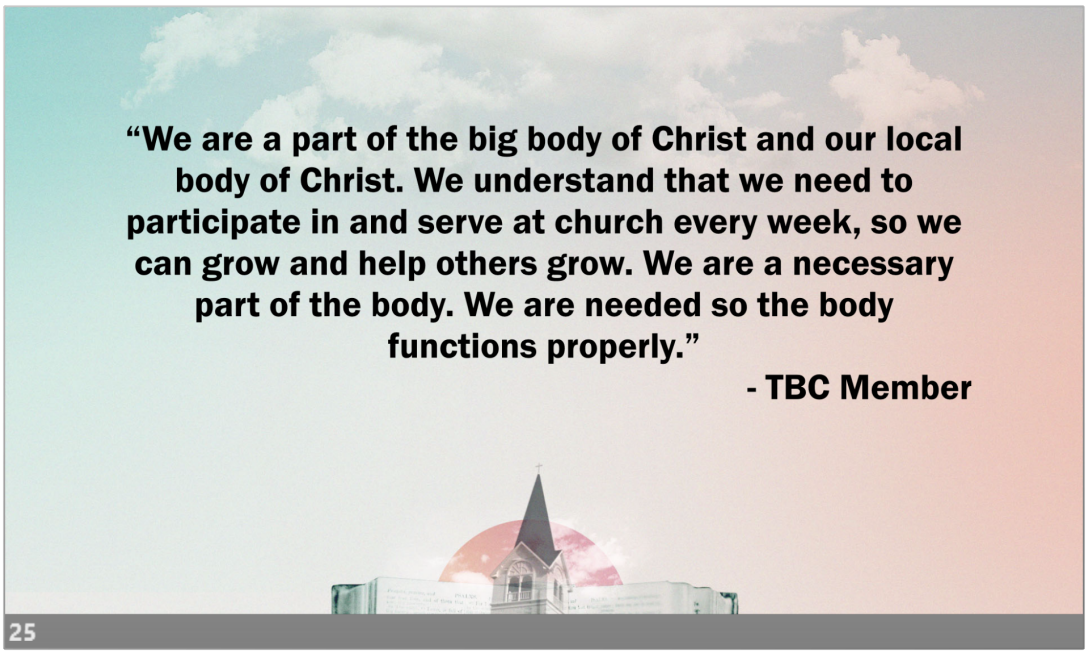

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- Matthew 28:18-20
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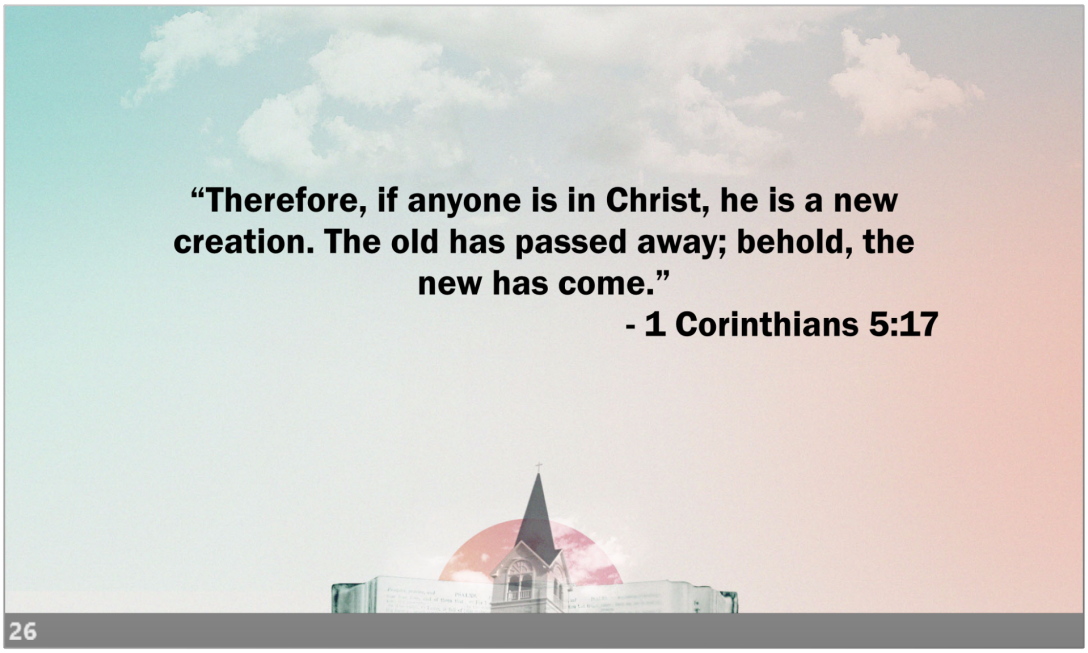

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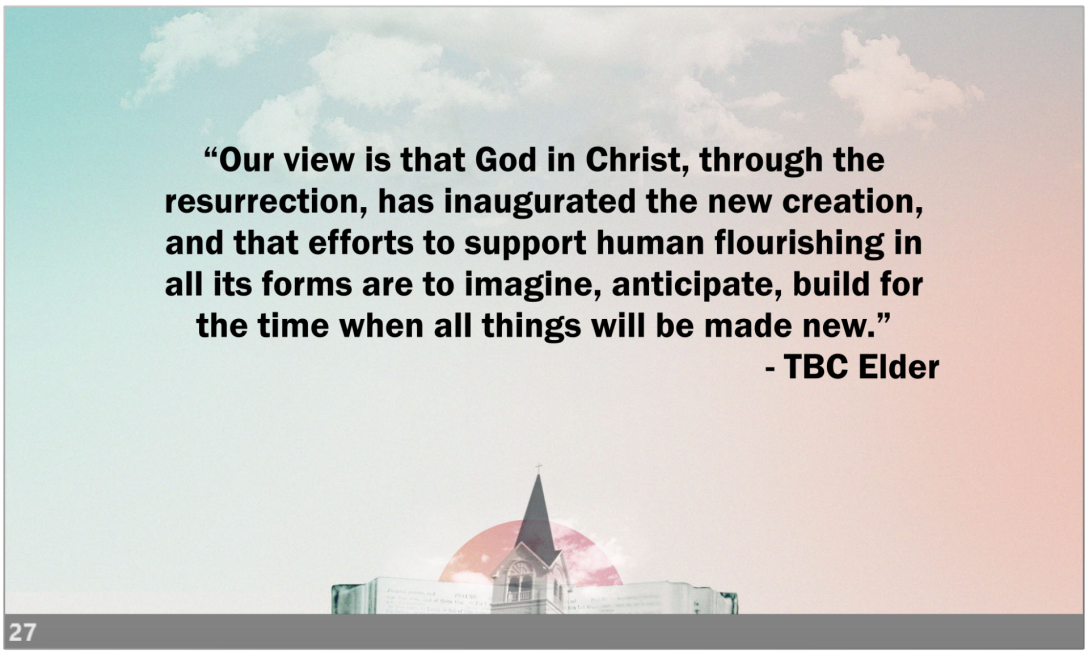

“Here at TBC, we are not on a mission for community. We are a community on mission.”
- David Richardson
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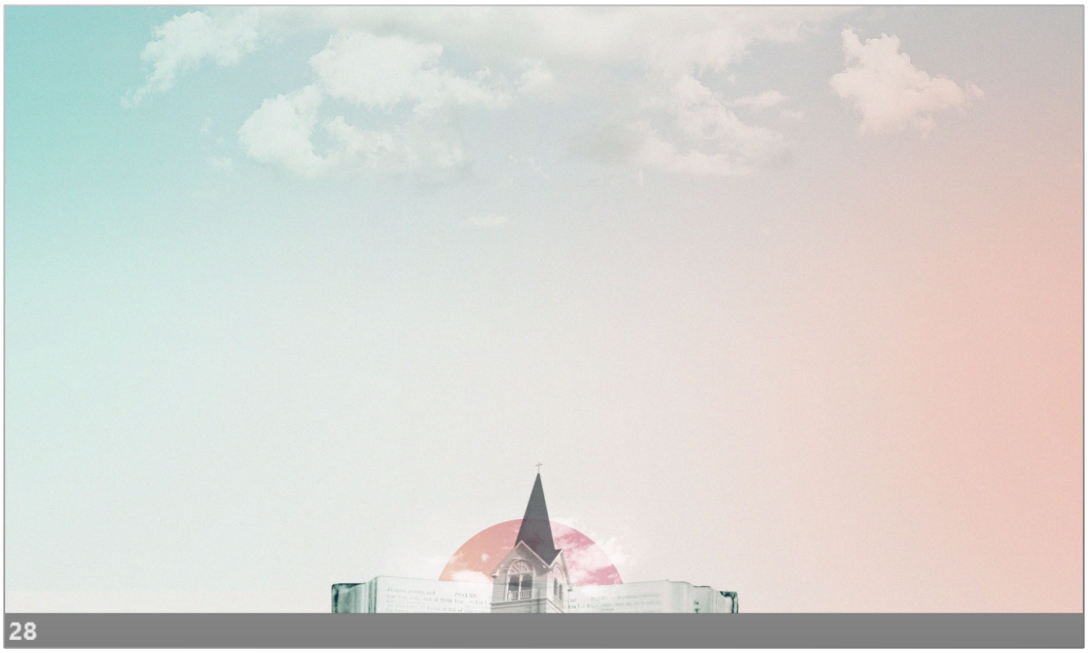

“A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”
- John 13:34,35
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“If serving is optional, the mission is optional. You can’t build a church on preferences, but you can have some events.”
- Stephen Webb
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"We are a part of the big body of Christ and our local body of Christ. We understand that we need to participate in and serve at church every week, so we can grow and help others grow. We are a necessary part of the body. We are needed so the body functions properly."
- TBC Member
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"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come."
- 1 Corinthians 5:17
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“Our view is that God in Christ, through the resurrection, has inaugurated the new creation, and that efforts to support human flourishing in all its forms are to imagine, anticipate, build for the time when all things will be made new.”
- TBC Elder
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