### I. GOD LOVES YOU and desires that you:

**1. Have eternal life with Him.**  
“For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life.” John 3:16

**2. Have an abundant and meaningful life.**  
“Jesus said, ‘… I came that they might have life, and have it abundantly.’” John 10:10

But most people aren’t experiencing a meaningful life and aren’t sure that they have eternal life because…

### II. Man has a SIN problem that SEPARATES him from GOD.

**1. Everyone has sinned. “**… For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God….” Romans 3:23 (also ESV, NIV)  
**2. The penalty for sin is DEATH. “**For the wages of sin is death….” Romans 6:23 (also ESV, NIV)

The Bible talks about two kinds of death. The first death is physical. The second death is spiritual or eternal separation from God.  
“But for the cowardly and unbelieving and abominable and murderers and immoral persons and sorcerers and idolaters and **all liars**, their part will be in the lake that burns with fire and brimstone, which is the **Second Death**.” Revelation 21:8

Because sin separates man from God, what is the solution to his problem?

### III. JESUS CHRIST is God’s ONLY way to heaven.

**1. He is the ONLY way. “**Jesus said… ‘I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but through Me.’” John 14:6  
**2. He COMPLETELY PAID the penalty of your sins.**  
“For Christ also died for sins once for all, the just for the unjust, in order that He might bring us to God….” 1 Peter 3:18  
**3. His resurrection proves that He is the Son of God, the Messiah, the only Savior.**  
“… Concerning His Son, who was born of a descendant of David according to the flesh, who was declared the Son of God with power by the resurrection from the dead, according to the Spirit of holiness, Jesus Christ our Lord….” Romans 1:3-4  
**4. He promises Eternal Life.**  
“Jesus said … ‘I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me shall live even if he dies, and everyone who lives and believes in Me shall never die….’” John 11:25-26

However, merely knowing what Jesus Christ has done for us is not enough.

### IV. We must place our FAITH IN JESUS CHRIST to save us.

**1. You are saved by God’s grace through faith in Jesus Christ.**  
“For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith - and this is not from yourselves, it is the GIFT OF GOD - not by works, so that no one can boast.” Ephesians 2:8-9 (NIV)

To be saved by faith means to TRUST IN JESUS CHRIST ALONE to save you. Good works are not the means to salvation; rather, they are the byproducts or evidence of your salvation.

**2. Show your faith in Jesus Christ by accepting His gift of eternal life.**  
“[Jesus says,] ‘Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and will dine with him, and he with Me.’” Revelation 3:20

Jesus says that He will come into your heart if you invite Him in. That is His promise to you, and He will always keep His promise!

**3. Prove the sincerity of your faith by turning away from a life of sin.**  
“I preached that they should repent and turn to God and prove their repentance by their deeds. A person who genuinely asks for forgiveness will seek to change his ways.” Acts 26:20 (NIV)

**God knows we are not perfect, but the sincerity of our faith will move us to live lives that show our gratitude to God for His free gift of heaven.**

**You can pray this simple prayer to express your faith in Jesus Christ and to receive Him into your heart as your Lord and Savior. You only have to pray this prayer once, but with sincerity, because when He enters your life, he will never leave you.**

**PRAYER:** Lord Jesus, I need You. I confess that I am a sinner. I believe that you died on the cross to pay for all my sins. With your help, I will turn away from all my sins. Please come into my life and be my Lord and Savior. I accept your free gift of eternal life. Make me the kind of person you want me to be. Thank you for coming into my life and giving me eternal life. Amen.



In CCF, we have five core values. Our number one core value is **Loving God, Family, and Others**. Because we love others, we want them to be saved and so we share the gospel through **Evangelism and Discipleship**. Because we love God, we obey Him and submit to the **Authority of the Scriptures and Appointed Leaders**. Because we cannot live the Christian life in our power, we resort to **Dependence on the Holy Spirit and Prayer**. And our fifth core value is **Serving in Small Groups**.

The Bible tells us that we are **SAVED TO SERVE**: *“For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift ofGod, not as a result of works, that no one should boast.* ***For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works****, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them”* (Ephesians 2:8-10). In response to God’s grace and love, we serve Him here on earth because we are God’s masterpiece for good works.

We often find service difficult because our human nature is selfish and self-centered. But as we become mature Christians, we become Christ-centered and service-oriented. We learn to listen and be sensitive to the needs of others. In CCF, we not only bring people to Christ but also help them grow in faith, through small groups and the CCF Global Learning Center. True to our mission, we make disciples by helping people love, evangelize, obey the Bible, and depend on the Lord. As we mature in Christ, we become disciples who serve God and ask, “Lord, what can I do for you?”

Joshua, nearing the end of his life, reminded the Israelites how great God is. He recounted to the people how God fought their battles, blessed them with a bountiful land, and kept His promises, but left the choice of serving God to the people themselves: *"And if it is disagreeable in your sight to serve the Lord,* ***choose for yourselves today whom you will serve****: whether the gods which your fathers served which were beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living;* ***but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord****."* (Joshua 24:15).

Our concept of God affects the way we serve and worship Him. Our main motivation for serving God is based on who He is and what He has done for us. If we really know God and have experienced His goodness, serving Him would be the only choice for us. If we serve God because He first loved us and we love Him back in response, then we will continue serving Him even if others do not. What is it that motivates you to serve the Lord?

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## Ephesians 2:8-10

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The root of all sin and the biggest obstacle to serving God is idolatry. Joshua says, *“…****put away the gods*** *which your fathers served…”* (Joshua 24:14). Ezekiel says, *“…these men have set up their idols in their hearts and have put right before their faces a stumbling block of their iniquity…”* (Ezekiel 14:2).

Idols are not only statues or objects. They can be anything that takes the place of God in our hearts: money, job, relationship, sex, fame, anything which we believe is essential to our happiness, which takes priority over our love for God. The idols in our hearts get in the way of our relationship with God and keep us from serving Him. Like Joshua (Joshua 24:15), are we choosing to serve God because of who He is and what He has done for us? Like Paul (1 Corinthians 15:9-10), are we serving God because His grace motivates us?

How do we serve God in practical ways? We are saved to serve God **in the Family, in the Workplace** and **in Small Groups**.

Service comes from the heart. If we love God, we serve Him. If we love our families, we serve them. We serve our families when we spend time with them, look after their physical and emotional needs, and take care of them at all times, not only when they are sick. Some of us may have personal reasons for not loving our family members but God commands us, *“Husbands, love your wives…”* (Ephesians 5:25) and *“Love your neighbor as yourself...”* (Mark 12:31). Some of us may even consider our family members as enemies, but God says, *“Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, for even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many”* (Matthew 5:44-45). When we practice real Christianity at home, we have a greater impact on our family members and transform our families into Christ-centered ones. If we do not learn to serve God in our own family, we cannot be effective in serving God outside our family.

God calls us to love and serve others wherever we go: *“Whether, then, you eat or drink or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God”* (1 Corinthians 10:31). We spend majority of our time in the workplace, or in school and God calls us to serve him there as well. Many of the people we meet at work may never go to church, many may never read a Bible, and our life, our attitude toward people, our behavior in the workplace or in school may be the only Bible they will ever read. When we work or study to the best of our ability, we are working for God.

But serving God is more than being an excellent worker or student, we must also be intentional in sharing the Gospel and in bringing people to Christ. We must be willing to allow God to use us in the workplace or in school. If we are already serving God in the family and in the workplace, why would we need to serve in small groups? The first reason is that **serving in small groups is God’s design**: *“…****Let us not give up meeting together****, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another…”* (Hebrews 10:24-25).

Jesus Himself put together a group of disciples whom He served and asked to serve others with Him. The second reason is that we need others to grow big, to help us in times of need, to make sure that we are walking with God, to pray for us when we are struggling with temptation. The Bible says, *“Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their work. If one falls down, his friend can help him up…Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken”* (Ecclesiastes 4:9-12).

The third reason is it is **a privilege to serve God in small groups**. God loves us and saved us from sin though we do not deserve it. We cannot give Him anything that is not His own, but we can serve Him with all we have. Are you serving God everywhere you go and in every possible way you can? Do you resolve that the cause for which JESUS died shall live? Are you part of a small group?

### CCF Vision Statement

Our vision is to see a movement of millions of committed followers of the Lord Jesus Christ meeting in small groups, transforming: Lives, Families, Communities and Nations.

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