

Why We Do What We Do week 1
Sunday September 13th, 2020

The vision and mission of Oregon Trail Church of God is
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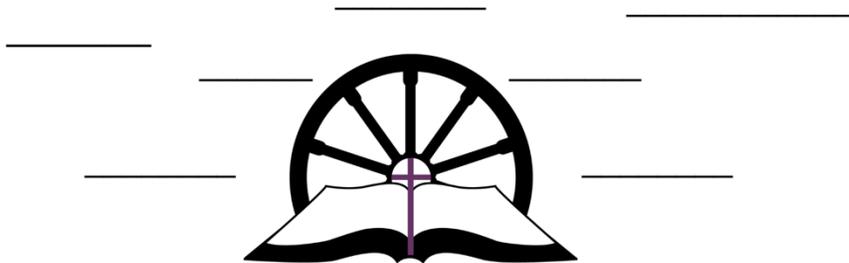
Matthew 28:19 - 20 (NLT, pg. 828) “Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”

We are supposed to journey _____ in our faith.

The church needs to focus on _____ and evangelism.

We are not on this journey _____.

The Spiritual Journey



Romans 12:1-2, 21 (NLT, pg. 944) And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him. Don’t copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God’s will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect....Don’t let evil conquer you, but conquer evil by doing good.

True Worship defined:

1. Fully _____ to God.
2. Be _____ by God’s love.
3. Let my thoughts and actions be _____.
4. _____ God’s leading.

1 Peter 3:14-16a (NLT, pg. 1025) But even if you suffer for doing what is right, God will reward you for it. So don’t worry or be afraid of their threats. Instead, you must worship Christ as Lord of your life. And if someone asks about your hope as a believer, always be ready to explain it. But do this in a gentle and respectful way.

Final Thought: Our goal is to move forward in our own journey and help others with their journey through discipleship and evangelism. Where are you at on your journey; what is your next _____?

Why We Do What We Do week 1 Discussion Questions

What is the vision and mission of Oregon Trail Church of God? What are the five stops on the spiritual journey? What is the “umbrella” over the five stops? What are the four core values of Oregon Trail? Where are you at in your spiritual journey?

Worship is a concept that can be hard to adequately define. What are some of the ways our world defines worship? How does Christian culture define worship? Romans 12:1-2 describes “true worship”. Review the four attributes of true worship (fully surrender to God, be motivated by God’s love, let my thoughts and actions be transformed, and trust God’s leading). Which of these has been most key to your faith journey? Which of these do you need to focus on doing better? Explain.

Read Romans 12:3-21. These verses give some very specific things to do and concepts to live out while we journey toward Christ. As a group (or on your own) make a “to do” list of these tasks/concepts. As you look back over your list, does it seem like an impossible standard to live up to? Why or why not? Read Romans 11:36. This is the foundational statement that chapter 12 is built on top of. (notice chapter 12 starts with “and so”) Does this fact change your perspective of this “to do” list? Explain.

How could practicing true worship help our congregation to better fulfill our vision and mission as a church? How well do you think Oregon Trail is doing at fulfilling our vision right now? Explain. How well do you think Oregon Trail is doing at upholding our core values right now? Explain. “I am doing everything I can to help Oregon Trail fulfill its mission.” Is this statement true in your life and faith right now? Why or why not?