

## Why We Do What We Do Week 2 Sunday September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020

### Core Value:

1. Jesus Christ is the destination of our journey.

2 Timothy 3:16-17 (NLT, pg. 1002) All Scripture is inspired *by God* and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. *God uses it* to prepare and equip his people to do every good work.

What is really the destination of your life?

Your destination dictates your \_\_\_\_\_.

Colossians 1:15-20 (NLT, pg. 987) Christ is the visible image of the invisible God. He existed before anything was created and is supreme over all creation, for through him God created everything in the heavenly realms and on earth. He made the things we can see and the things we can't see—such as thrones, kingdoms, rulers, and authorities in the unseen world. Everything was created through him and for him. He existed before anything else, and he holds all creation together. Christ is also the head of the church, which is his body. He is the beginning, supreme over all who rise from the dead. So he is first in everything. For God in all his fullness was pleased to live in Christ, and through him God reconciled everything to himself. He made peace with everything in heaven and on earth by means of Christ's blood on the cross.

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1 Peter 3:18, 4:1-2 (NLT, pg. 1025) Christ suffered for our sins once for all time. He never sinned, but he died for sinners to bring you safely home to God. He suffered physical death, but he was raised to life in the Spirit...So then, since Christ suffered physical pain, you must arm yourselves with the same attitude he had, and be ready to suffer, too. For if you have suffered physically for Christ, you have finished with sin. You won't spend the rest of your lives chasing your own desires, but you will be anxious to do the will of God.

Your destination dictates the \_\_\_\_\_ of your life.

1 John 2:3-6 (NLT, pg. 1031) And we can be sure that we know him if we obey his commandments. If someone claims, "I know God," but doesn't obey God's commandments, that person is a liar and is not living in the truth. But those who obey God's word truly show how completely they love him. That is how we know we are living in him. Those who say they live in God should live their lives as Jesus did.

Your \_\_\_\_\_ + Your  
\_\_\_\_\_ = The outcome of your life

John 14:1-4 (NLT, pg. 896) "Don't let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God, and trust also in me. There is more than enough room in my Father's home. If this were not so, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? When everything is ready, I will come and get you, so that you will always be with me where I am. And you know the way to where I am going."

Mission defined; How do I live out this core value?

Keep my eyes on the \_\_\_\_\_.

Matthew 22:37-40 (NLT, pg. 820) Jesus replied, "you must love the lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. A second is equally important: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' The entire law and all the demands of the prophets are based on these two commandments."

\_\_\_\_\_ a little bit every day.

Luke 9:23-24 (NLT, pg. 861) Then he said to the crowd, "If any of you wants to be my follower, you must turn from your selfish ways, take up your cross daily, and follow me. If you try to hang on to your life, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake, you will save it.

\_\_\_\_\_ on God's power, not my own.

2 Peter 1:3 (NLT, pg. 1027) By his divine power, God has given us everything we need for living a godly life.

Final Thought: Every life is focused toward something. Joining the journey toward Christ will change everything; do you know what your \_\_\_\_\_ is?

## Join the Journey: Core Value #1 Discussion Questions

Is it helpful to look at your faith as a journey? Why or why not? Every journey has a destination or end goal. There were several different destinations mentioned in the message (Wealth, The next good time, A good reputation, Comfort and convenience), which of these have you observed and/or experienced? What are some other destinations of a person's life that weren't mentioned?

What is core value #1 at Oregon Trail? Why do you think this particular one is number one on the list? Explain. Read Judges 21:25. What does this verse have to do with core value #1? Israel was a special nation, "God's chosen people", and God was supposed to be their king. How do you think they ended up at this point?

Read 1 Peter 3:13-4:6. There are several things described here for us to do. Review the passage again and identify every motivation that is given. Review the passage again and identify every action that is given. How will this list of motivations and actions affect the outcome of your life? Explain.

There were three ways described to live out this core value: keep your eyes on the goal, grow a bit every day, and rely on God's power not your own. Describe why each one is hard to live out, and why each one would help you. From these three which one is key for you right now in your faith journey? Explain.