COMMITTED TO HELPING OTHERS

BE READY TO HELP

⁹Don't just pretend to love others. Really love them. Hate what is wrong. Hold tightly to what is good. ¹⁰Love each other with genuine affection and take delight in honoring each other. ¹¹ Never be lazy, but work hard and serve the Lord enthusiastically. ¹²Rejoice in our confident hope. Be patient in trouble and keep on praying. ¹³ When God's people are in need, be ready to help them. Always be eager to practice hospitality. **Romans 12:9-13 NLT**

- If we genuinely love others, we will want to help them.
- If we really love God, we <u>must love our neighbor</u>.

The Great Commandment

³⁶ "Teacher, which is the most important commandment in the law of Moses?" ³⁷ Jesus replied, "'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.' ³⁸ This is the first and greatest commandment. ³⁹ A second is equally important: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' ⁴⁰ The entire law and all the demands of the prophets are based on these two commandments." **Matthew 22:36-40 NLT**

• We want people to know that <u>God loves them</u> and <u>we do, too</u>.

The Great Commission

¹⁸ Jesus came and told his disciples, "I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. ¹⁹ Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. ²⁰ 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." **Matthew 28:18-20 NLT**

WAYS THAT WE HELP OTHERS:

- By sharing Jesus with them
- By making disciples (transformed lives)
- By praying for people
- By giving to meet their needs

- By serving them
- By caring for them
- By walking with them

WHEN WE HELP OTHERS, OUR ACTION <u>SHARES HOPE</u> AND POINTS TO OUR <u>HEAVENLY FATHER</u>.

¹⁴ "You are the light of the world—like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden.¹⁵No one lights a lamp and then puts it under a basket. Instead, a lamp is placed on a stand, where it gives light to everyone in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father." **Matthew 5:14-16 NLT**

Journey Church is committed to helping plant churches that proclaim The Gospel of Jesus Christ.

"The vigorous, continual planting of new congregations is the single most crucial strategy for 1) the numerical growth of the body of Christ in any city, and 2) the continual corporate renewal and revival of the existing churches in a city. Nothing else—not crusades, outreach programs, para-church ministries, growing mega-churches, congregational consulting, nor church renewal processes—will have the consistent impact of dynamic, extensive church planting." **Tim Keller**

WHEN WE PUT OTHERS FIRST, WE ARE BEING LIKE JESUS.

¹ Is there any encouragement from belonging to Christ? Any comfort from his love? Any fellowship together in the Spirit? Are your hearts tender and compassionate? ² Then make me truly happy by agreeing wholeheartedly with each other, loving one another, and working together with one mind and purpose. ³Don't be selfish; don't try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves. ⁴Don't look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too. **Philippians 2:1-4 NLT**

Next steps for me today...

- Allow Jesus to transform me.
- Choose to have the attitude of Jesus.
- Ask God to show me how I can help someone today.