

OUR MISSION STATEMENT – Small Group Questions

1. From the beginning, SunRidge's Mission Statement has been: ***Leading People to become Passionately Committed Followers of Jesus***. Take a few minutes to discuss each part – what does each part mean, and why has it been important to our church for 26 years?
 - a. Leading -- Matthew 5:13, 1 Peter 3:15
 - b. People – Luke 19:10, Matthew 20:28
 - c. To Become -- Mark 14:27, John 13:15
 - d. Passionately Committed -- Acts 2:42, Matthew 7:24
 - e. Followers of Jesus – Matthew 16:24, John 14:6
2. You probably have witnessed churches shutting down, veering far off the path they once walked, or becoming irrelevant. What part does reminding one another about “why we exist” play into preventing this?
3. As a part of our mission, there are three things we have said “we must do!” Mike highlighted these on Sunday. Knowing our Heavenly Father is so loving, so patient with us; and without any condemnation, shame or guilt but purely as a responsive obedience...how can we move forward and grow in these things?

Loving Jesus

- First, we love Jesus by believing in Him and surrendering the leadership of our life to Him. We love Him by trusting and obeying Him.
- Second, we experience joy and growth in hearing from Jesus personally as we meet with Him, and read His Word, in our daily devotions; we love Him by obeying what He is calling us to, through these “alone times” with Him

As SunRidge moves forward, what must we not forget?

Is there something you feel personally challenged about in this “must do” reminder about Loving Jesus?

Love People

- God has designed us to live in a deep relationship with people. He has designed us to experience rich, authentic friendship. We need to have people in our life who know us, who love us, and are willing to tell us the truth about ourselves. We need to be people who know others, love others, and tell others the truth about themselves.
- We believe this happens best in Small Groups. It is where we set up our lives to allow for change.

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Live Mission

- We must have the will to love and serve people, using our time treasure and talents. In all the ways we serve it is all for Jesus and in response to what Jesus has done for us; it is to join Him in spreading His love around the world.
- It is an incredible joy to reflect Jesus to others through living missionally. And when someone moves from being far from Jesus to believing in Him, being baptized and now walking with him? It is thrilling to have been a part of that journey!!
- We believe that we accomplish this by living out a B.L.E.S.S. lifestyle.

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4. Why is it important that everyone understands the Mission of SRCC?

Why is it important for our church leadership to keep reminding our church body of our Mission Statement and upholding what supports this and cleaning out what doesn't?

What part can you play in helping your church lead people to become passionately committed followers of Jesus?