



Journeying With Jesus

Statement of Purpose (Short Form)

The Purpose

Journeying With Jesus is a ministry whose aim is to answer the great commission of God calling Christians to *journey with Jesus* in a close, personal relationship; teaching them to come alongside others to show them how to walk faithfully in their journey with the Lord, loving Him and loving others. In a retreat setting and through Bible study books, we seek to grow spiritually, bring glory to Christ, and be used by Him to draw others to Himself.

The intent of our ministry is to present the gospel, teach God's Word, and biblically counsel others how to use the provisions God has given them to journey with Him in love and truth; the emphasis being placed on the two all-encompassing yet simple commandments: to love God and love others. We want to disciple them to live and share the abundant, victorious life Jesus Christ has promised the believer.

Journeying with Jesus Ministries has three goals – three sure things we want all who come to our retreats and do our studies to know:

1. True Christianity is a relationship – not a religion. God created us for relationship with Him, relationship that is authentic, close, personal, and as unique as each person. God tells us in I John 5:20 “We know the Son of God has come and has given us understanding, in order that we might know Him who is true, and we are in Him who is true, in His Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God and eternal life.” He wants us to know him as He already knows and loves us. That's relationship. We seek to help others to know Him and grow in their personal relationship with Him.

2. The Bible is ‘authoritative’ truth. It is the Word of the True, Living God, so it is universal in scope. That means it is the same for those around the world. It is also ‘absolute’. It is God’s truth so it’s unaffected by situation or circumstance, proving it is not relative in the sense there is no such thing s “a truth for you and a different truth for me.” It is ‘literal.’ God created us to communicate in language form, so He gave us His Word to be understood as we would any language. It’s simple – it says what it means and means what it says. It is also sufficient. II Timothy 3:16-17 assures us in His Word are all the answers, guidance and direction we need to live godly, victorious lives while we are *journeying with Jesus*. We desire to teach those God brings our way the truth and how to study its principles and know its promises for themselves.
3. And thirdly, we desire for all who come to *Journeying With Jesus* functions to know how much God loves them! As Jesus said in John 14 and 17, God loves His own just as He loves Jesus. That’s perfectly and unconditionally. There is no merit system and nothing can separate His children from His love. We, as the Team, seek to love others with the love of Jesus, ministering to them and showing them God’s way faithfully, so they might realize just how much the Father loves them and how unconditional is His love. Then, it’s His job, through the Word and by His Spirit, to transform their hearts.

Journeying with Jesus Ministries seeks, through relationships with others, to show the love of God by teaching the truth and loving with His love. We do this in retreat settings and through Bible studies, ministering as the Lord gives opportunity.