



Being the Church

From the very beginning, Jesus called His Church to action: "Go... make disciples... baptizing... teaching..." "Be my witnesses... to the end of the world..."

At theGathering, we're answering the call. We are committed to Christ, community, and compassion for people. We believe that God's Word is true and timeless, rooted in history and as relevant as today's headlines.

To truly "be" the Church - the body and bride of Christ - we believe we must be committed to loving as Christ loved, serving as Christ served, and living as Christ's community.

To love as Christ loved, we will:

- ❖ Love God (Matthew 22:37)
- ❖ Love people (Matthew 22:38)
- ❖ Love unconditionally (1 Cor. 13:4-7)
- ❖ Love sacrificially (1 John 3:16)

To serve as Christ served, we will:

- ❖ Serve missionally (Matthew 28:18-20)
- ❖ Serve willingly (Phil. 2:5-7)
- ❖ Serve selflessly (Mark 10:43-45)
- ❖ Serve in God's strength and to His glory (1 Peter 4:10-11)

To live as Christ's community, we will:

- ❖ Live worshipfully (Romans 12:1-2)
- ❖ Live according to God's Word (Psalm 119:105, 2 Tim. 3:6-17)
- ❖ Live joyfully, prayerfully, and thankfully (1 Thess. 5:16-18)
- ❖ Live in unity (John 17:20-23)
- ❖ Live by faith (Galatians 2:20)

love ❖ serve ❖ live