

STEP FOUR Go Make a Difference



1.30.25

Those who are planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God.

Psalm 92:13

WELCOME TO

Our greatest desire is for you to Connect with God, Grow in Community, and Discover your Purpose, so you can Go Make a Difference.

We first come to God and then go to others. You can live mission-minded by committing to *Reach People* and *Build Lives* so you can make an eternal impact in the lives of people around you.

GO and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age. Matthew 28:19-2

INFLUENCE

Influence is our ability to impact others. God created influence, and He is the ultimate influencer. God chooses to influence and guide us through His Word, godly relationships, and the power and presence of the Holy Spirit.

Our influence is both a responsibility and a gift. Godly influence is not based on position, income, wealth, or education. Godly influence is earned over time as we appropriately utilize our time, talents, and treasure to love and serve others. Being a servant leader is how we use our godly influence to make an eternal impact on people's lives in every sphere of culture.

Jesus' generosity and desire to serve weren't motivated by fame, wealth, or position. He was motivated by love.

"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." Matthew 22:37-39 (NLT)

The purpose of using our God-given influence is to reach people and it starts with loving others by serving them generously with our time, talents, and treasure.

Time

We all have 24 hours each day. How can you serve others by giving of your time?

Talent

We all have unique skills, abilities, and personalities. How can you use your talent to serve others?

Treasure

We all have resources. How can you give generously of your treasure to help others know Jesus?

TEAM VALUES

We have four team values that help us live out our purpose and fulfill our mission. The Dream Team and church staff live out these values in everything we do.

1. We Work as a Team

We are better together

- Honor one another's strengths
- Value collaboration, communication, and community

Even so the body is not made up of one part but of many. Now if the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," it would not for that reason stop being part of the body. And if the ear should say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," it would not for that reason stop being part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the sense of hearing be? If the whole body were an ear, where would the sense of smell be? But in fact God has placed the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be. 1 Corinthians 12:14-18

2. We Have a Positive Attitude

Our attitude is our choice

- Choose joy in every circumstance
- We serve because we want to, not because we have to

Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you. Philippians 4:8-9

3. We Do Everything with Excellence

Everything speaks

- Excellence honors God and inspires people
- Pay attention to details

Daniel distinguished himself above the governors and satraps, because an excellent spirit was in him; and the king gave thought to setting him over the whole realm. Daniel 6:3

4. We Celebrate Wins

What we celebrate gets repeated

- Remember why we do what we do
- Make time to celebrate the big and small wins

The Lord has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy. Psalm 126:3

DREAM TEAM HONOR CODE

When you become part of the Dream Team, you gain a greater level of influence and the opportunity to impact others. You are a part of something bigger than yourself. You represent not only Church of the King, but more importantly, you represent Jesus. Others will see you as a role model. They will want to hear your story of how Jesus changed your life and they'll be watching you live out that story.

Decide to live in such a way that you will not cause another believer to stumble and fall. Romans 14:13

For you have been called to live in freedom, my brothers and sisters. But don't use your freedom to satisfy your sinful nature. Instead, use your freedom to serve one another in love. Galatians 5:13

...I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. Ephesians 4:1

The way we live our lives impacts whether or not the people watching us want to have a relationship with Jesus. It's not about perfection, but it is about our heart. We want to be an example of what it looks like to choose God's best for our lives. As a leader in the church family, it is important to demonstrate biblical standards in speech and action to those around you by refraining from such things as:

- Abusing alcohol, drugs, or any substance that compromises your mind or body
- Harmful gambling habits or other addictive behaviors
- Abusive language or gossip
- · Actions or attitudes that create division with church leadership
- Inappropriately using church relationships for personal or professional gain
- Pornography or any sexual activity outside of a biblically defined marriage
- Behaviors that may cause Christ to grieve and others to stumble

In leading by example, we continue to grow in biblical character and integrity which encourages others to do the same in their own lives. This way of life expresses our love and honor for God, as well as our love for people. We should regard our commitment to this biblical way of life as a privilege and honor in partnering with God to make a difference with our lives.

If you struggle with any of the points above or want to understand more about them, we want to connect with you. We want to help you grow, heal, overcome, and experience God's absolute best for your life. No struggle is too big or too small. Let's join together as you continue to discover and fulfill your purpose in *Reaching People* and *Building Lives*.

BIBLICAL REFERENCES FOR THE DREAM TEAM HONOR CODE

• Abusing alcohol, drugs, or any substance that compromises your mind or body

So be careful how you live. Don't live like fools, but like those who are wise. Make the most of every opportunity in these evil days. Don't act thoughtlessly, but understand what the Lord wants you to do. Don't be drunk with wine, because that will ruin your life. Instead, be filled with the Holy Spirit.

Ephesians 5:15-18 NLT

Harmful gambling habits or other addictive behaviors

But people who long to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many foolish and harmful desires that plunge them into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is the root of all kinds of evil. And some people, craving money, have wandered from the true faith and pierced themselves with many sorrows.

1 Timothy 6:9-10 NLT

For everything in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—comes not from the Father but from the world.

1 John 2:16 NIV

Abusive language or gossip

Don't use foul or abusive language. Let everything you say be good and helpful, so that your words will be an encouragement to those who hear them.

Ephesians 4:29 NLT

The words of the reckless pierce like swords, but the tongue of the wise brings healing. Proverbs 12:18 NIV

Actions or attitudes that create division with church leadership

Have confidence in your leaders and submit to their authority, because they keep watch over you as those who must give an account. Do this so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no benefit to you.

Hebrews 13:17 NIV

• Inappropriately using church relationships for personal or professional gain

People with integrity walk safely, but those who follow crooked paths will be exposed. Proverbs 10:9 NLT

...remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'

Acts 20:35 NIV

• Pornography or any sexual activity outside of a biblically defined marriage

But 'God made them male and female' from the beginning of creation. This explains why a man leaves his father and mother and is joined to his wife, and the two are united into one.

Mark 10:6-9 NLT

Run from sexual sin! No other sin so clearly affects the body as this one does. For sexual immorality is a sin against your own body. Don't you realize that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who lives in you and was given to you by God? You do not belong to yourself, for God bought you with a high price. So you must honor God with your body.

1 Corinthians 6:18-20 NLT

Don't you realize that those who do wrong will not inherit the Kingdom of God? Don't fool yourselves. Those who indulge in sexual sin, or who worship idols, or commit adultery, or are male prostitutes, or practice homosexuality, or are thieves, or greedy people, or drunkards, or are abusive, or cheat people—none of these will inherit the Kingdom of God. Some of you were once like that. But you were cleansed; you were made holy; you were made right with God by calling on the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

1 Corinthians 6:9-11 NLT

• Behaviors that may cause Christ to grieve and others to stumble

And do not bring sorrow to God's Holy Spirit by the way you live. Remember, He has identified you as His own, guaranteeing that you will be saved on the day of redemption. Get rid of all bitterness, rage, anger, harsh words, and slander, as well as all types of evil behavior. Instead, be kind to each other, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God through Christ has forgiven you.

Ephesians 4:30-32 NLT

When you follow the desires of your sinful nature, the results are very clear: sexual immorality, impurity, lustful pleasures, idolatry, sorcery, hostility, quarreling, jealousy, outbursts of anger, selfish ambition, dissension, division, envy, drunkenness, wild parties, and other sins like these. Let me tell you again, as I have before, that anyone living that

sort of life will not inherit the Kingdom of God.

Galatians 5:19-21 NLT

The Good News!

• Growing, healing, overcoming, and experiencing God's best for your life

For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him. John 3:16-17 NIV

The temptations in your life are no different from what others experience. And God is faithful. He will not allow the temptation to be more than you can stand. When you are tempted, He will show you a way out so that you can endure. 1 Corinthians 10:13 NLT

...you are strong, and the Word of God lives in you, and you have overcome the evil one. 1 John 2:14 NIV

I have told you all this so that you may have peace in Me. Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows. But take heart, because I have overcome the world. John 16:33 NLT

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