

When mentioning the church, many refer to a building or an address. The word “church” is actually a translation of the Greek word “ecclesia,” a group of people who are called out (of the world) and into God’s Kingdom. The root meaning is people. Paul’s greeting says it all in Romans 16:3-5 *Greet Priscilla and Aquila, my fellow workers in Christ Jesus,... Likewise greet the church that is in their house.* (Ephesians 2:19-22)

The first mention of “Church” in the New Testament is in reference to the powerful institution built on the revelation that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God! Matthew 16:15-19 *...and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it...*

Although not unique, the multifaceted calling of our church, Christian Life Center in Riverside, CA, can be summarized in four great activities: to reach the lost, to restore broken lives, to equip people for fruitful ministry and, as a Church, to extend beyond the walls of our church into His Harvest field. (John 4:35-38)



## 1. REACHING the lost

- A. John 1:40-50 “Come and see”
- B. Reaching the lost is a natural response to our own salvation. It was the primary function of the early church, and an integral part of each believer’s life. Although not everyone is always ready to receive Christ, we CAN “scatter seed” with practical acts of God’s love.
- C. Our purpose | We reach the lost by presenting Christ in relational ways that would draw the non-Christian person to personally meet and receive the Savior. This is also accomplished by meeting people at their particular point of need.
- D. Ministries | Prayer Outside the Walls (Preparing the “soil” by first talking to God about people, then talking to people about God); Food and clothing Ministry; every member a witness; concerts and special events, etc.

## 2. RESTORING those whom God brings

- A. Luke 4:14-21; Isaiah 61:1-3 | Most people who come to Christ carry into their new relationship the brokenness of a life lived outside the blessings of God. Some need deep deliverance from addictions, etc. The Church has the answer through the power of the Holy Spirit as reflected in the ministry Christ.
- B. John 11:43-44 | When Jesus raised Lazarus from death, the disciples were told to loose him of his grave clothes. In the same way, we can assist others in the transformation process by partnering with the Holy Spirit.

- C. Our purpose | We restore broken lives by loving and accepting people as they are, for who they are. We then assist them in their freedom from bondage, hurt, torment and imbalance.
- D. Ministries | Sunday celebration; Life Groups, connecting people in fellowship; Christian Life Classes dealing with addictions, marriage, etc.

### 3. **EQUIPPING God's people for service**

- A. Serving in our graces | Romans 12:4-8; 1 Corinthians 12:1, 4-11; Ephesians 4:11-16
- B. Our purpose | God's desire is that everyone experiences a meaningful place of service in the Body of Christ. We assist people in discovering their passion in life, their spiritual gifts, and their unique personal style of service so they can serve Christ better.
- C. Ministries | Discover Life; Discipleship Institute; serving God by serving His people; Foursquare licensing process.



### 4. **EXTENDING out into His Harvest field**

- A. ONE TEAM, Praying, Giving, Going | Matthew 9:37-38; Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 1:8
- B. Our purpose | We believe that Christ commissioned us to go into all the world with the Good News and make disciples of all nations. This is accomplished by spreading His Love at home, through planting churches, and through missions projects and trips abroad.
- C. Our unique calling is to go to people groups where the Gospel has not had a visible presence and to lay a foundation of prayer, crucial to future missions endeavor.
- D. Ministries | Local/regional church planting; Native American Pueblo tribes (Hopi, Zuni, Jemez); Tibetans in the Tibetan Autonomous Region of China, China, Dharamsala, India; the new Modern Tibetan Bible, printing and distribution, China, India, Nepal.




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## **KNOWN FOR HIS PRESENCE**

Several years ago, Leslie Keegle, Global Foursquare, gave a prophecy to Christian Life Center.  
Here's a portion of that word...

*...There will be a move of My Spirit. Have your eyes on Me, hunger and thirst for My righteousness, for My Spirit and My word... and innumerable people will come and fall on their faces before Me.*

*This place shall be known for My glory. This place will be known for My attendance for I will pour out My Spirit says the Lord, and you shall be known as a people of My Presence.*

**This has begun to take place to the glory of God!** (Joshua 21:45, 23:14)