

JOURNEYMEN OF CHRIST MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

JOURNEYMEN-OUR NAME

1. a worker who has learned a trade and works for another, usually by the day
- 2: an experienced reliable worker or performer, especially as distinguished from one who is brilliant or colorful (Merriam-Webster 1993)

MISSION STATEMENT

We are Christian men, saved by grace, who make and build disciples through fellowship, spiritual discipline, service and encouragement in our daily walk with our Lord, Jesus Christ.

PURPOSE STATEMENT

Fellowship: We live in fellowship and communion with one another. We will come together regularly, and will schedule one-time activities as a group for the sole purpose of enjoying each other's company. We will include boys and young men in these activities and use these events to mentor in Christian love. We will be present and available to one another at all times. We understand that living in community is a central aspect of the church (Acts 2:42-47)

Spiritual Discipline: We will have weekly small groups that are directed toward building our faith, our knowledge, and practice of the way of Christ (Rom 12:2). We seek to become more than disciples, but apprentices of Christ, who not only learn from Him but model our behavior after Him. We will be accountable to one another and hold each other accountable in a spirit of Christian love. We will encourage one another to study, to pray, to spend time alone with God, and to live humbly a life that reflects Jesus. Our goal is to fill our hearts with the love of Christ. We are no longer slaves to sin. We are saints who struggle with sin and live that struggle as we strive to grow in Christ.

Service: We are active and available to serve God's kingdom. We will individually and corporately perform regular acts of service to our church family, our community, and our world. We recognize our power and responsibility as men in the world and will honor the gifts God has given us by using them to show the love of Jesus. We will serve our church by speaking up, by being present and involved, and by Christian action. We understand that service is an essential part of our Christian walk (Jas 2:26). We will regularly plan acts of service.

Encouragement: We recognize that the Christian life is a long distance race, and not a sprint. (Ecc 9:11; Heb 12:1), and we will help each other finish the race, knowing full well that we will stumble and fall. We will not judge, we will empower; we

will not condemn, we will build up. We will live honestly and be available to one another at all times, knowing that we have been saved by grace, and are constantly striving to overcome our sinful nature. By focusing on Christ we will perform regular acts of encouragement to one another, our families, our friends and our church family. We will each have an individual action plan of providing encouragement.

SCRIPTURE FOUNDATION

Micah 6:8
Philippians 2:5
1 Corinthians 13:11
Romans 12:1-2
John 1:1-5
Ecclesiastes 3
Ephesians 6:10
Philippians 4:8 and
Genesis 1:1 through Revelation 22:21