

It's easy to settle for average.

30 And you must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength.' Mark 12:30 (NLT)

21 I pray that they will all be one, just as you and I are one—as you are in me, Father, and I am in you. And may they be in us so that the world will believe you sent me. John 17:21 (NLT)

We're not a Team:

- Just because be assemble together.
- Just because we love each other.
- Just because we serve each other.

Definition:

A group of people who understand and are committed to a shared purpose, and a common direction.

"Teams assemble and act on a common purpose."

The fundamental question:

"Why are we here?"

A team gives us:

A shared reason.

Our vision:

Creatively <u>love</u> and <u>lead</u> people in a <u>growing</u> relationship with <u>Jesus</u>.

Our Number one goal is your relationship with Jesus.

For God loved the world so much that he gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. God sent his Son into the world not to judge the world, but to save the world through him. John 3:16-17 (NLT)

A shared <u>response</u>.

30 And you must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength.'

31 The second is equally important: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' \dots Mark 12:30-31 (NLT)

A shared <u>responsibility</u>.

19 Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

20 Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Matthew 28:19-20 (NLT)

What unifies a team, identifies a team.

Unity happens when we:

Recognize that we need each other.

5 Just as our bodies have many parts and each part has a special function, so it is with Christ's body. We are many parts of one body, and we all belong to each other. Romans 12:5 (NLT)

Make our purpose greater than our preferences.

10 Now I encourage you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ: Agree with each other and don't be divided into rival groups. Instead, be restored with the same mind and the same purpose. 1 Corinthians 1:10 (CEB)

Look <u>out</u>, not <u>in</u>.

4 Don't look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too. Philippians 2:1-4 (NLT)

Choose Love.

13 Make allowance for each other's faults, and forgive anyone who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others.

14 Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds us all together in perfect harmony. Colossians 3:13-14 (NLT)

Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. Ephesians 4:3 (NIV)

Have Questions? Text them to: (559)464-5754

Here are some questions that can be used in Connection Groups: These questions also work well for your personal time with God.

- What spoke most to you from Sundays Talk? Explain.
- Why is church better when we are a team? How do we function as a team at The Quest? How are you part of the team?
- Can you say The Quest's vision without looking? What stands out to you about our vision?
- What happens when we don't share the same vision? What challenges happen when some don't know the vision?
- How do you live this vision out?
- What does it mean to have a shared response from our vision?
- What does it mean to have a shared responsibility to our vision? Read Matthew 28:19-20 (The Great Commission); What is this asking you to do? What is stated to give you the strength to carry it out?
- What happens to the team when there is no unity? ...Marriage? ...Church?
- Talk through the points under "Unity happens when we:"... Give some application to these points How important are these to The Quest Team? How can we do them better?

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