

WHDW

we do what we do



Our actions are defined by:

- The standard we chose to live by.

The Bible is our standard to live by.

16 Every part of Scripture is God-breathed and useful one way or another—showing us truth, exposing our rebellion, correcting our mistakes, training us to live God's way. 2 Timothy 3:16 (MSG)

Your standard gives you permission to act as you do.

- The vision we chose to live out.

A vision answers the question: What do we do?

Our vision: "To creatively love and lead people in a growing relationship with Jesus."

A vision gives you purpose to live out.

18 Where there is no vision, the people are uncontrolled; but he who keeps the law will be happy. Proverbs 29:18 (BBE)

- The Values we chose to live with.

42 All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, and to fellowship, and to sharing in meals (including the Lord's Supper), and to prayer. Acts 2:42 (NLT)

44 And all the believers met together in one place and shared everything they had. 45 They sold their property and possessions and shared the money with those in need. 46 They worshiped together at the Temple each day, met in homes for the Lord's Supper, and shared their meals with great joy and generosity— 47 all the while praising God and enjoying the goodwill of all the people. And each day the Lord added to their fellowship those who were being saved. Acts 2:44-47 (NLT)

Values give you priorities to live with.

If we don't understand "Why we do what we do":

- In time we will do something different.
- In time we will do what is easy.

Some of our values:

- We care about people.

36 When he saw the crowds, he felt sorry for them because they were hurting and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Matthew 9:36 (NCV)

- Lost people are our passion.

10 For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost." Luke 19:10 (NIV)

- Encountering God changes lives.

20 For where two or three gather together as my followers, I am there among them." Matthew 18:20 (NLT)

When we meet together it's an opportunity to:

- Feel Loved by others.

35 This is how everyone will recognize that you are my disciples—when they see the love you have for each other." John 13:35 (MSG)

- Experience God for ourselves.
- When the lights are turned down our focus is up.

Two things to work on:

- Don't be a distraction for others.

35 ...I want you to do whatever will help you serve the Lord best, with as few distractions as possible. 1 Corinthians 7:35 (NLT)

When I'm a distraction, I'm taking the attention from God.

- Let your actions be an example for others.

12 ...Be an example to all believers in what you say, in the way you live, in your love, your faith, and your purity. 1 Timothy 4:12 (NLT)

12 ...Teach believers with your life: by word, by demeanor, by love, by faith, by integrity. 1 Timothy 4:12 (MSG)

My example says to others: Act as I do.

When we understand WWDWWD we:

- Show up ready to love people.

1 Let love be your highest goal!.. 1 Corinthians 14:1 (NLT)

19 We love each other because he loved us first. 1 John 4:19 (NLT)

- Show up with your heart engaged.

The Master said: "These people make a big show of saying the right thing, but their hearts aren't in it. Because they act like they're worshiping me but don't mean it... Isaiah 29:13 (MSG)

- Show up anticipating an encounter with God.

...rejoice, you who worship the LORD. Search for the LORD and for his strength; continually seek him. Remember the wonders he has performed, his miracles, and the rulings he has given.. Psalm 105:3-5 (NLT)



TO CREATIVELY LOVE AND LEAD PEOPLE IN A GROWING RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS.

Questions for Connection Groups:

These questions also work well for personal time with God.

- What scripture and/or point spoke most to you from the Talk on Sunday? Explain why?
- What are some of the standards that people chose to live by? How do these standards affect their actions? How does the Bible affect our actions?
- How important is our vision to you? How should it affect our actions?
- Our values are the "Why" behind the "What" that we do. How do our values shape our actions?
- At the Quest, we care about people. How should our actions show that, especially on Sundays?
- How do we demonstrate that lost people are our passion? How should we demonstrate this?
- Do you believe that experiencing God is important? How does that affect your actions?
- We are a distraction to others when we are distracted ourselves. Why should we be concerned about being a distraction to others? What are some ways people are a distraction in the gatherings? (No Names..lol)
- How does our personal behavior in the gatherings (and in general) influence others? What do you think of this statement: "My example says to others: Act as I do."?
- Discuss the points under the sub-heading - "When we understand WWDWWD we:"

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