

"You are the light of the world—like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden....let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father. Matthew 5:14,16 (NLT)

...go and make followers of all people in the world... Matthew 28:19 (NCV)

### Our vision at The Quest...

We exist to creatively **love** and **lead** people in a growing **relationship** with **Jesus**.

If we don't know the vision that **unites** us, we will create a vision that **divides** us.

• Maximum impact requires us to have a **Spirit filled** life.

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere Acts 1:8 (NLT)

<u>Don't be drunk</u> with wine, because that will ruin your life. Instead, <u>be filled with the Holy Spirit</u>... Ephesians 5:18 (NLT)

- ...be under the Spirit's control and influence.
- The Spirit filled life is not a Sunday thing, it's a <u>daily</u> thing.

  And the disciples were continually filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit. Acts 13:52 (NASB)

### The purpose of the Holy Spirit in us:

- We were designed to do life **from** God's Spirit.
- ..."I assure you, no one can enter the Kingdom of God without being born of water and the Spirit. Humans can reproduce only human life, but the Holy Spirit gives birth to spiritual life. John 3:5-6 (NLT)
- We are designed to do life with God's Spirit.
- 25 Since we are living by the Spirit, let us follow the Spirit's leading in every part of our lives. Galatians 5:25 (NLT)
- The Holy Spirit is the **companion** we need.
- 16 I will talk to the Father, and he'll provide you another Friend so that you will always have someone with you. John 14:16 (MSG)

### The Holy Spirit:

Quiets our fears.

Gives us courage.

### Provides us with direction and insight

16 Don't you know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit lives in you? 1 Corinthians 3:16 (GWT)

• God's Spirit lives in you to **enable** you to live the life He has for you.

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### How to live a Spirit filled life:

• We must continually **die** to ourselves.

24 Those who belong to Christ Jesus have nailed the passions and desires of their sinful nature to his cross and crucified them there. 25 Since we are living by the Spirit, let us follow the Spirit's leading in every part of our lives. Galatians 5:24-25 (NLT)

We're **listening** to what the Spirit's saying.

Listen for GOD's voice in everything you do, everywhere you go; he's the one who will keep you on track. Proverbs 3:6 (MSG)

• We do what He tells us to do, when He tells us to do it.

I will instruct you (says the Lord) and guide you along the best pathway for your life; I will advise you and watch your progress. Don't be like a senseless horse or mule that has to have a bit in its mouth to keep it in line! Psalm 32:8-9 (TLB)

My sheep recognize my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. John 10:27 (TLB)

### Live with an awareness of the <u>needs</u> surrounding you.

The Holy Spirit said to Philip, "Go over and walk along beside the carriage." Philip ran over and heard the man reading from the prophet Isaiah. Philip asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" The man replied, "How can I, unless someone instructs me?" And he urged Philip to come up into the carriage and sit with him. Acts 8:29-31 (NLT)

• **Pray** for the **people** around you.

Pray in the Spirit at all times with all kinds of prayers, <u>asking for everything you need</u>. To do this you must always be ready and never give up. <u>Always pray for all God's people</u>. Ephesians 6:18 (NCV)



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

### **Ouestions 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? Why?
- When you read Matthew 5:14-16, what do you believe God is asking of us?
- Read Galatians 5:25 What does it mean to you to Follow the Spirit's leading? Do you do this? What
  prevents us from following the Spirit's leading?
- Talk about what it means to listen to what the Spirit is saying to us? Why is this important?
- What is the difference between doing life "from" God's Spirit and doing life "with" God's Spirit?
- When we say that the Holy Spirit is a companion we need, what are we saying? Is He just a friend? What does His presence with us provide for us?
- When it comes to serving the people in our life, why is it necessary for us to be led by the Spirit?
- How do we live in a way that allows us to be responsive to the Spirit within us? What does that mean to you?
- How can we live with an awareness of the needs surrounding us? Why is this important in what the Spirit is doing?
- Why is praying for people important to what the Spirit is doing?
- Commit to pray for people around you, that God's Spirit will touch them and use you.

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