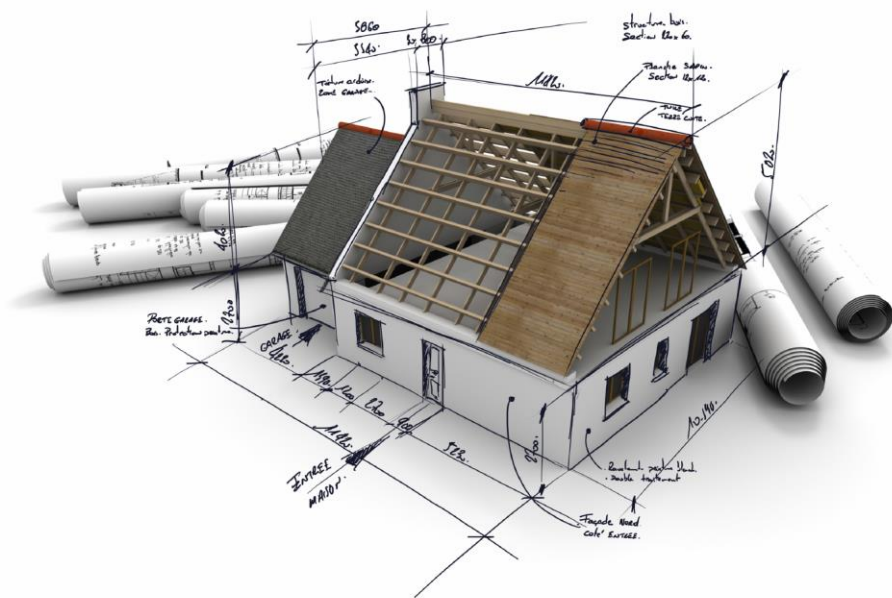


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(Intro Packet 1 - draft)

What Do You Seek?



Becoming Church in Intentional New Covenant Community

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What do you seek?

We are seeking . . . to live out this declaration.

*To in all things at all times
passionately dwell in intimate oneness with
the Living God (Father, Son, and Spirit),
and all who are His . . .
so that the world might know Him.*

What do you seek?

Sometimes the most helpful thing we can do for ourselves and the most loving thing we can do for our neighbor is to begin to identify what values we prize the most. We all, at some level, live with a gap between what we think, believe, and desire - and how we act, behave, and live. If Jesus is our first love, then the humility that comes from His wisdom opens the door for us to say,

“not that I have attained all of this, or have already been made perfect, but I press on to attain the prize . . .” which ultimately is oneness with God and all who are His.

If this is my desire, my value, and my vision, then to move toward the Lord and become one with Him and His Body are foremost in my life. To answer Jesus’ prayer that those who believe through the message of the apostles and early church “would all be one as He and His Father are one. . . so that the world will know Him.” The Holy Spirit accomplished this at Pentecost and Jesus gave the ascension gifts (apostle, prophet, evangelist, pastor and teacher) to facilitate the equipping of Christ’s followers to actively serve Jesus in the context of others growing in unity and maturity unto the fullness of Christ.

Below is a breakdown of what each part of the declaration above means to us. As you read you can identify if your own values are similar and if you might be able to better live out those values by beginning a journey to be and build church – Wisdom’s House the church here in Kansas City and the Rock Family (Tribe) a group of like-minded people across the nation.

Keep in mind these things are not *required*, but if they are *desired* from deep within then you’ll find with Christ a Body of believers who desire the same things. There is a world of difference between feeling like we ‘have to’ live out someone else’s values and having the freedom to live out the values that we choose and hold most deeply; having a giant ‘want to’ in our hearts because of the love that He has shown us.

So, “What do you seek?” Ask yourself, Is it my desire . . .

To In All Things . . .

Ever-increasing unto all my heart, my thoughts, my speech, my life, my marriage, my family, my business, etc. In every sphere, domain, and circle of influence of my life.

At All Times . . .

Ever-increasing unto a place of fullness in Christ; a way of life that touches all of my life and times.

Passionately . . .

To live out the same love of God revealed in *Christ's passion* for His Father, for us, and all humanity, that He demonstrated before and while on the cross. To receive His love and sacrifice unto a burning desire that causes an appropriate and wise response of passion laying down our lives and picking up the cross He has for us; for the sake of His Name, His Family, and His Kingdom.

Pursue . . .

To be asking, be seeking, be knocking, be hungering, be thirsting, be waiting, be watching for the One who is the origin and destination of all things, Jesus, to come and build/restore His Church, establish His Kingdom, in this age and the age to come, through me as a part of His Family and as one of His own.

Intimate . . .

to be an ever-increasing image (a pure representation of the Father) through daily sacrificial obedience to Him following the example of His Son, and through ever-increasing unity with His People as a primary sign of intimacy with the Lord.

Oneness . . .

to make God (Father, Son, & Spirit) and His Body, the church, your dwelling place from everlasting to everlasting, the secret place of the Most High, the Shadow of the Almighty, where He is in you and you are in Him and together we are in Him for eternity, starting now.

With . . .

To be Hidden WITH Christ in God.

The . . .

To identify with Him alone as 'The' Holy, One and Only true God of all creation.

Living . . .

To identify God as a living Father of a Family, living Son who is Head of a Body, and living Spirit who is builder of a House of Living Stones.

God . . .

I AM who is Almighty God, The One who is, who was, and who is to come, gracious and compassionate to a thousand generations. Eternally existing in three Persons whom we are

invited to relate to both personally and corporately as one God and at the same time personally and corporately as distinct Persons; Father, Son, & Holy Spirit.

Father . . .

Eternally existing as One of Three Persons whom we are invited to relate to both personally and corporately as one God; **The Holy Father**. The One who sits on the Throne, and who sent His only begotten Son: the firstborn of creation, first born of the dead who accomplished all of His Father's will. The One who sent His Spirit to accomplish His Will through us, His children. Identifying Him as Father draws us into oneness with His children, our brothers and sisters in the Family of God – relationships that are a holy mystery and miracle that are beyond blood or law, but of the Spirit of God and therefore eternal – a Family in this age and the age to come.

Son . . .

Eternally existing as One of Three Persons whom we are invited to relate to both personally and corporately as one God; **The Holy Son**. Who is the Only Begotten of the Father and is our example; who walked as wisdom on earth and humbled Himself unto death on a cross and is now exalted above all things, head of the Church – The Body of Christ of which we are members – relationships that are a holy mystery and miracle that are beyond blood or law, but are of the Spirit of God and therefore eternal – a Body in the earth meant to establish His Kingdom in this age and the age to come.

Spirit . . .

Eternally existing in three persons whom we are invited to relate to both personally and corporately as one God; **The Holy Spirit**. Given to us so that we might be a Living testimony, a Vessel that is a witness of His Love and Light in the midst of darkness because we are one with Christ in God. The Spirit of who gives Wisdom in whom are found understanding, counsel, power, knowledge, and the fear of the LORD. All given to build a House made of Living Stones of which we are participants - relationships that are a holy mystery and miracle that are beyond blood or law, but are of the Spirit of God and therefore eternal – a House in this age and the age to come.

And all who are His . . .

If Jesus were to split the sky right now, there would be a family (that is a bride, a church, a city) around a big table. We want to do all that is possible to love all who will be at that Table while also working to unify all who are here, with us, in our generation. Living to fulfill the nature and essence of the oneness in Jesus' prayer in John 17 around the Table of the Lord which was the preeminent manifestation of God at the outpouring of the Holy Spirit in Acts 2 & 4, and the purpose of the ascension gifts in Ephesians 4 to equip the saints to serve and work together unto this unity, maturity, oneness. As a manifestation of this, every believer must eventually have a

local Body where they have laid down their life – membering themselves to Christ’s Body with a cloud of witnesses who can testify about their life and deeds in Christ, lived in love for God, His Family, and for the lost.

So That The World Might Know Him . . .

The goal of the Lord’s prayer in John 17 was not for the sake of believers, but for the Glory of God to enter the earth with a living witness called Church. Church is to be the witness, the image, the reflection, of God so that all might come to Him and find salvation, healing, deliverance, and a place to become one with Him and His People.

If this declaration and the general ideas behind the words are what you seek and desire, then taking time to find out more about Wisdom’s House Rock Family might be helpful to you in fulfilling your desire.

The next step is reading “The Equipping Process Snapshot”, below. It is a one page big picture view describing the season of equipping that will help you fulfill the desires of your heart. It is also a form of ‘membership class’ to participate in Wisdom’s House Rock Family here in Kansas City.

Equipping Process Snapshot

The equipping season is a season to slow down and listen to the Lord deeper than ever. It's a time to be asking for the Spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Jesus, to gain Heaven's eyes regarding His work restoring His Church.

Picture a captain of a ship going to a new land of great promise. The journey that the ship is going to take will take many years and those who go will experience so much that their lives will never be the same. Before a person goes on the journey they want to find out more about the destination and the cost, so they take some time to first see if they desire to go and second prepare to make the journey. The Equipping Process is the opportunity for a person to do both; see if you want to go, and prepare to make the life-journey. The beautiful thing is that we get to enter the land of promise while we travel together!

The Equipping Process is a chance to look at ourselves and ask "What do I need to restore and/or reform in my life so that God can restore His Church?"

Big Idea # 1: Am I growing in an intimate oneness with God the Father, Son, & Spirit?

In area 1 of equipping one finds the way of intimate oneness, hidden with Christ in God, reflected in loving obedience to Him; the Lord's first commandment.

Big Idea #2: Am I growing in oneness with the Father's Family, The Son Jesus' Body, the Church?

In area 2 of equipping one finds the way of intimate oneness as church in communion with Christ first and as His People dwelling together in love and doing the works of Christ; the Lord's second commandment.

Big Idea #3: Am I growing in welcoming others into The Father's Family, reproducing Jesus' Body, making disciples of Christ, and building spiritual generations?

In area 3 of equipping one finds the way of living as a life-missionary with a vision to make disciples and leaders (of our children first) who make disciples and leaders doing the works of Jesus primarily by planting churches in intentional new covenant community/spiritual family; the Lord's great commission.

If you would like to hear more, see packet (2) The Equipping Process Big Picture.