# THE JOURNEY

## EXPLORING THE VISION AND MISSION OF SUN RIVER CHURCH

**WEEK 3: THE PATH** 

The DESTINATION = VISION...People glorifying God.

The JOURNEY = MISSION...Helping people find and follow Jesus.

The FUEL = SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINES

**The PATH =** Sun River Church combination of ministries

✓	TRANSFORMATION of Outward CONDUCT toward other followers

✓ Put a star next to words or phrases that are a strength for you. Underline words or phrases that you don't do well or that are not part of your life.

### **Ephesians 4:11-16**

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11 And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, 12 to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, 13 until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, 14 so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. 15 Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, 16 from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.

**EK-Klessia** is living as the body of Christ in all its depth, unity, breadth, diversity, and abundance... We are to devote our whole lives to giving ourselves and our gifts to each other, just as the parts of a body do. As each of us does this properly, we grow into union with each other and with Christ.



 For Homework - Look at the following questions that we will use to keep us aligned with the vision and mission of SRC. Thinking about ministries that you have been involved in previously, choose one question to answer positively and one that you would have to answer negatively.

#### QUESTIONS FOR ONE ON ONE, GROUPS, OR MINISTRIES

- ✓ How did we practice the 'one another's in our group this season? (love, serve, forgive, confess, etc)
- ✓ How did we encourage the people in our group to serve or participate in other areas of our church to help them connect to the larger community?
- ✓ How did we engage the whole family of the people in our group?

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#### 2 Corinthians 5:17-20

17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. 18 All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; 19 that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. 20 Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.

The church is not for the church alone, but for the world. We are sent to bring the presence of Christ and His Kingdom into our spheres of influence through our words and deeds both individually and corporately.

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- ✓ How did we share compassion as a group in some way outside of ourselves?
- ✓ In what ways did we encourage those in our group to be more 'others' focused in their lives?
- ✓ What are the missional contexts of each of the participants in our group (where they live, work, play)? When did we pray for each of these people?
- ✓ How have I and each participant DISCOVERED who God is asking us to reach out to (my five card), DISCERNED the appropriate ways to steward our gifts to connect with them, DONE something to show compassion and share the gospel, and DEBRIEFED as a group to be more knowledgeable, accountable, and intentional?

