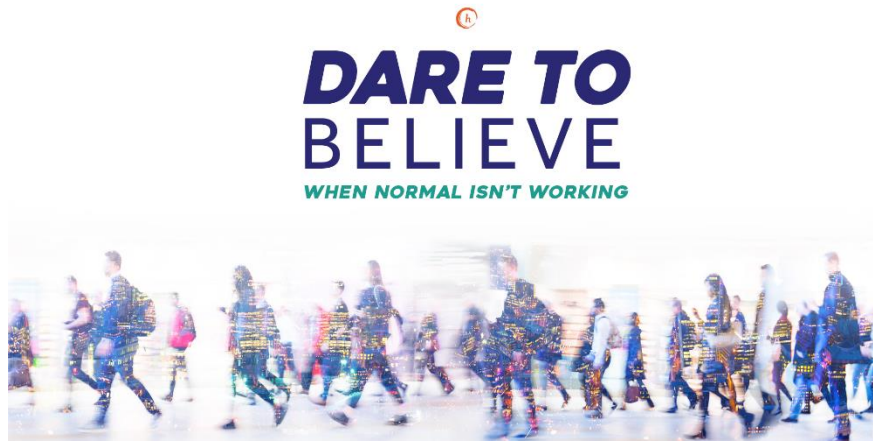


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Community Group Questions:

For this series, the Speakers are referencing verses from all throughout the Bible.

We believe that God's justifying grace must not be separated from His sanctifying power and purpose. God commands us to love Him supremely and others sacrificially, and to live out our faith with care for one another, compassion toward the poor and justice for the oppressed. With God's Word, the Spirit's power, and fervent prayer in Christ's name, we are to combat the spiritual forces of evil. In obedience to Christ's commission, we are to make disciples among all people, always bearing witness to the gospel in word and deed.

Q1 - Statements like this are very common in churches, but other places like businesses, universities, non for profits and so on also develop their own grouping of statements that they strive to rally around and follow. If you had to develop a couple of your own personal statements, what would they be?

Q2 - The ongoing work of following Christ in our lives means we are being changed.... Less sin, more righteousness. How do the Six Marks of being a disciple also play into this statement? (Follow Me, Deny Yourself, Hold To My Teaching, Love One Another, Bear Much Fruit and Make Disciples)

Q3 - We talked about the difference between love and tolerance during this week's message. Do you see tolerance taking the place of love taking today's world with Christians? How about non-Christians? Do you agree or disagree that toleration is the bare minimum and not what we have been called to show to others?

Q4 - Loving people who are hard to love is not easy. Taking positive examples for others is a great way to develop new habits. Spend a few minutes talking about different ways to love those that are hard to love.

Q5 - This statement says: "With God's Word, the Spirit's power, and fervent prayer in Christ's name, we are to combat the spiritual forces of evil." In your opinion, what are the spiritual forces of evil this statement talks about? Have you ever felt these forces in your life? Did you rely on the Word, Power and Prayer to combat it, like it says in the statement?

Q6 - In what ways can you recall Jesus "doing life" with his closest disciples? Jesus didn't just get close and personal with those that followed Him close, he also was intentional with strangers often. Can you think of a few times when Jesus shared His heart with others?

Q7 - (let's get practical) If there is no better version of us than the version of us living like Jesus, what can we do to model this way of life more constantly? How can you living more like Jesus help others follow Him?