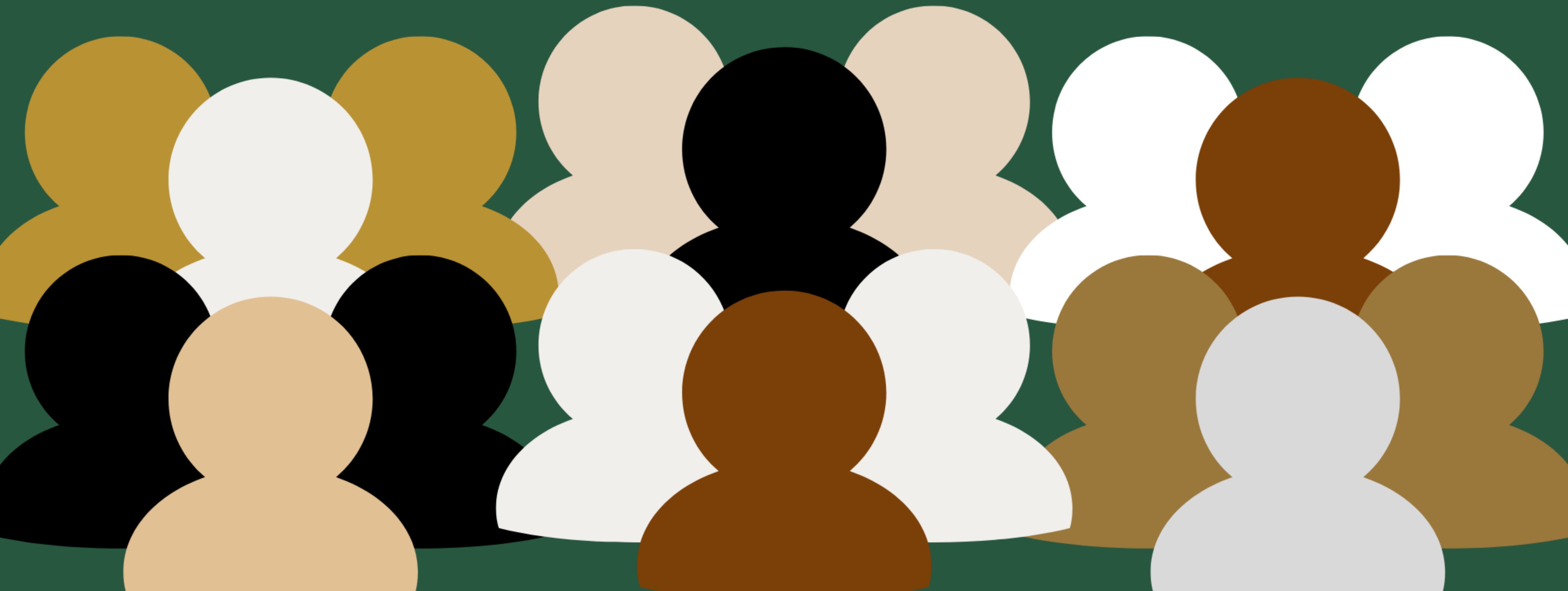


A RENEWED PEOPLE



Disciples of Jesus arrange their lives around three things:

Presence (being with Jesus)

Transformation (becoming like Jesus)

Mission (doing the things that Jesus did)

Jesus wants a relationship with you.

Mark 3v13-15

Matthew 11v28-30

Ephesians 3v16-17

And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.

John 14v16-17

Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: concerning sin, because they do not believe in me; concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer; concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.

I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

John 16v7-15

Your relationship with God is built on shared presence with the Holy Spirit.

Presence:

Face-to-face

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Intimacy

Presence:

Face-to-face

Intimacy

Union

“Pray remember what I have recommended to you, which is, to think often on GOD, by day, by night, in your business, and even in your diversions. He is always near you and with you: leave Him not alone. You would think it rude to leave a friend alone who came to visit you: why then must GOD be neglected? Do not then forget Him, but think on Him often, adore Him continually, live and die with Him; this is the glorious employment of a Christian. In a word, this is our profession; if we do not know it, we must learn it.”

Brother Lawrence *The Practice of the Presence of God*

“It is unlikely that we will deepen our relationship with God in a casual or haphazard manner. There will be a need for some intentional commitment and some reorganization in our own lives. But there is nothing that will enrich our lives more than a deeper and clear perception of God's presence in the routine of daily living.”

William Paulsell

DTR - Define/Determine the relationship

I don't really have a relationship with Jesus.

I honestly want nothing to do with God

I'm hesitant to pursue a relationship with God

I'm open to a relationship with God

DTR - Define/Determine the relationship

I do have a relationship with Jesus.

We haven't hung out in a while, alone that is

I seldomly recognize his presence in moments throughout my day

I sometimes recognize his presence, mainly when I need him for something

I'll talk to him about some things, but not honestly about everything

I'm growing in recognizing his presence with me, moment by moment

I pray several times a day, asking Jesus to walk with me in each moment

I sense the present of the Holy Spirit moment by moment