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“By his divine power, God has given us everything we need for living a godly life...”

2 Peter 1:3

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“We in America have been socialized to believe that our own dreams, goals and personal fulfillment ought to take precedence over the well-being of any group - our church or our family, for example - to which we belong. The immediate needs of the individual are more important than the long-term health of the group. So we leave and withdraw, rather than stay and grow up, when the going gets rough in the church or in the home.”

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“The influence that our radically individualistic worldview exerts on American evangelical Christians goes a long way to explain the struggles we face to keep relationships together.”

-Joseph H. Hellerman, *When The Church Was a Family*

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“As Jesus was speaking to the crowd, his mother and brothers stood outside, asking to speak to him. Someone told Jesus, “Your mother and your brothers are standing outside, and they want to speak with you.”

Matthew 12:46-47

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“Jesus asked, “Who is my mother? Who are my brothers?” Then he pointed to his disciples and said, “Look, these are my mother and brothers.”

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“Anyone who does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother.”

Matthew 12:48-50

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Jesus valued his relationship with his disciples more than he valued his relationship with his family.

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Known and Loved

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“To be loved but not known is comforting but superficial. To be known and not loved is our greatest fear. But to be fully know and truly loved is, well, a lot like being loved by God. It is what we need more than anything. It liberates us from pretense, humbles us out of our self-righteousness, and fortifies us for any difficulty life can throw at us.”

- Timothy Keller, *The Meaning of Marriage*

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Authentic and On Mission

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“We also value the church community as a family within the larger culture. We are brothers and sisters in Christ together and reach out for intentional acceptance of others. The shoreline church will be a place characterized by welcoming acceptance for people’s past while inspiring them towards God’s future in Christ Jesus our Lord. We will give people the sense of belonging so they might become believing and take up following Jesus together with us.”

The Shoreline Church 7 Core Values

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THIS you must clothe yourselves with tenderhearted mercy,
kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. Make
allowance for each other’s faults, and forgive anyone
who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so
you must forgive others. Above all, clothe yourselves
with love, which binds us all together in perfect
harmony. And let the peace that comes from Christ
rule in your hearts. For as members of one body you
are called to live in peace. And always be thankful.”

Colossians 3:12-15

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“Then he pointed to the disciples and said, “Look these are my mother and brothers. Anyone who does the while of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and Mother!”

Matthew 12:49-50

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What if you said YES to....

A DNA Group? Summer E-Group? Men's or Women's Study? Going deeper with your existing Life Group?

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