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WE'RE ALL HEADED SOMEWHERE – What's your destination?

- ▶ **MISSION** - Make disciples... more Christians and better Christians
- ▶ **DEFINITION OF DISCIPLE** - A disciple is someone who continuously learns to live & love like Jesus & leads others to do the same.
- ▶ **PATHWAY**
 - **CONNECT:** ❶ Connect with God through faith in Jesus Christ, followed by believer's baptism, ❷ Connect with the (local) church through active participation (Membership)
 - **GROW:** ❶ Vertical growth in our relationship with God (Healthy Spiritual Habits), ❷ Horizontal growth in our relationships with others (One Another Community / LifeGroups)
 - **SERVE:** ❶ Discover your unique spiritual (God-given) "hard-wiring," ❷ Jump into regularly serving your church family
 - **REACH:** ❶ Learn how to effectively share your faith story, ❷ Pursue and engage in missional activities

▶ **DESTINATION** for the Christ-Follower on the Pathway of Discipleship

- **ON EARTH:** Spiritual _____ ▶ _____ - _____
- **IN HEAVEN:** Living _____ in God's _____

DESTINATION ON EARTH – Spiritual _____ ▶ _____ - _____

John 3:22-30 / John 1:29 / John 4:1-3 / Matthew 3:11

- ▶ Growing by Degrees in Christ-Likeness
 - 2 Corinthians 5:17 / Philippians 2:5 / Ephesians 5:1 / 1 John 2:6 / Colossians 1:27
 - 2 Corinthians 3:18 / Romans 8:29 / 1 John 3:2-3 / Galatians 4:19 / Galatians 2:20
 - John 3:30 – *(Jesus) must become greater; I must become less.*
 - Ephesians 4:11-16

DESTINATION IN HEAVEN – Living _____ in God's _____

Job 19:25-27 / Isaiah 59:2

- ▶ Three Phases of Salvation
 - **Salvation Past** _____... the moment you first believe in Christ
 - **Salvation Present** _____... being transformed into the image of Christ
 - **Salvation Future** _____... delivered safely (with a new body) into eternity with Christ
- ▶ **Glorification** – Seeing God & Enjoying a New Heaven & a New Earth
 - Revelation 21:1, 3-5 / Revelation 22:3-5 / Revelation 21:8, 22-27 / 1 Corinthians 2:9



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Prayer

Take a few moments to connect with one another. Ask the Lord to direct your conversation and reflections together.

My Story

Share about a time when you planned for and anticipated a significant journey. Share about what you experienced along the way and how you felt when you actually reached your destination.

Digging Deep

- 1) Creekside Christian Church is committed to developing fully devoted disciples of Jesus Christ. Review your sermon notes about our MISSION, DEFINITION OF DISCIPLE (read this out loud), and PATH WAY OF DISCIPLESHIP. Have four different people explain in their own words what the following words mean at Creekside: CONNECT, GROW, SERVE and REACH.
- 2) Read Ephesians 4:11-16. Discuss the meaning of the following expressions in this passage with regards to our faith journey as a church family:
 - Equip God's people for works of service
 - Build up (edify) the body of Christ
 - Reach unity in the faith and our knowledge of Christ
 - Become mature... attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ
 - Grow toward maturity as each part of the body does its work

Digging Deeper

- 3) Read John 3:26-30. John the Baptist was a messenger that was preparing the way for Jesus' ministry as Israel's Messiah. John's joy came from having the privilege of announcing the coming arrival of the King of all kings. The Church today has been given the mission to announce the coming Savior before He returns. Discuss how we can experience joy while fulfilling our mission to make more and better disciples.

- 4) John 3:30 says, "He (Jesus) must become greater; I must become less." This verse sums up the essence of spiritual maturity on this side of heaven. How does this level of humility and pursuit of spiritual maturity lead us into fuller joy? Share one way you can apply this verse to your own life.

- 5) Read Romans 8:29, 2 Corinthians 3:18 and Galatians 4:19. Our final destination here on earth is not a location, but rather a state of being: spiritual maturity measured by degrees of Christ-likeness. Thinking back over Sunday's message, talk about some of the ways we can recognize or "measure" how a person can actually become more like Jesus Christ.

Taking it Home

- 6) What gut reaction do you feel when you think about approaching the end of your life or what will happen after your death? How can our earthly journey toward spiritual maturity impact these feelings?
- 7) On Sunday, it was highlighted that our ultimate destination is to live forever in the immediate presence of God... even see God face-to-face. Read Revelation 21:1,3-5,22-27 as well as Revelation 22:3-5. How do such truths about the future of believers influence the way we should live in the here and now?
- 8) Read 1 Corinthians 2:9. What do you think it will be like to live forever in the immediate presence of your God and continually experience face-to-face fellowship with Him?

Praying Together

As you close in prayer, remember to ask God for the grace, courage and stamina to finish your faith journey strong as you move closer and closer to your desired destination. Pray for others on the same journey.