

# It's A Big Deal

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*OUR PURPOSE: To be a community of believers where, no matter who you are, you can experience life change through Jesus Christ.*

## **1. A relationship with God is POSSIBLE**

*1 That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— 2 the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us— 3 that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. 4 And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.*

—1 John 1:1-4 (ESV)

## **2. A relationship with God has always been the PLAN**

*18 For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit,*

—1 Peter 3:18 (ESV)

## **3. A relationship with God is the POINT of eternal life**

*3 And this is eternal life, that they know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.*

—John 17:3 (ESV)

### **Three marks of maturity in our relationship with God:**

1. Intimacy with God

2. Knowledge of God's Word

3. Obedience to God