

Mission

A safe place to grow, make sense of your life, and discover who Jesus is within authentic community.

Our Mission is the Great Commission (how we do it)

- Encounter God
- Pursue Wholeness
- Love People

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Christian churches are not as a rule, model communities of good behavior. They are, rather, [to be] places where human misbehavior is bought out in the open, faced, and dealt with.

Rosh Hashanah

Be Like Jesus Part 7: Watch and Pray



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1 Peter 3:14-16 NLT

But even if you suffer for doing what is right, God will reward you for it. So don't worry or be afraid of their threats. 15 Instead, you must worship Christ as Lord of your life. And if someone asks about your hope as a believer, always be ready to explain it. 16 But do this in a gentle and respectful way.

1 Peter 4:8-9 NLT

8 Most important of all, continue to show deep love for each other, for love covers a multitude of sins. 9 Cheerfully share your home with those who need a meal or a place to stay.

1 Peter 5:8-9 NLT

8 Stay alert! Watch out for your great enemy, the devil. He prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour. 9 Stand firm against him, and be strong in your faith. Remember that your family of believers all over the world is going through the same kind of suffering you are.

The Greek word for devour is *katapiein*, literally meaning to:

- swallow
- drown
- destroy
- consume

2 Peter 3:17-18 NLT

...So be on guard; then you will not be carried away by the errors of these wicked people and lose your own secure footing. 18 Rather, you must grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

2 Peter 1:12-15 NLT

12 Therefore, I will always remind you about these things—even though you already know them and are standing firm in the truth you have been taught. 13 And it is only right that I should keep on reminding you as long as I live. 14 For our Lord Jesus Christ has shown me that I must soon leave this earthly life, 15 so I will work hard to make sure you always remember these things after I am gone.

2 Peter 1:2 NLT

May God give you more and more grace and peace as you grow in your knowledge of God and Jesus our Lord.

Matthew 26:38 NIV

38 Then he said to them, “My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with me.

Matthew 26:41 NLT

41 Keep watch and pray, so that you will not give in to temptation. For the spirit is willing, but the body is weak!”

Luke 21:34-36 NLT

34 “Watch out! Don’t let your hearts be dulled by carousing and drunkenness, and by the worries of this life. Don’t let that day catch you unaware, 35 like a trap. For that day will come upon everyone living on the earth. 36 Keep alert at all times. And pray that you might be strong enough to escape these coming horrors and stand before the Son of Man.”

The word translated “watch” means “to have the alertness of a guard at night.

Stello Grove

Stéllō – Greek, Verb

To gather, prepare and send with purpose

Grove – English, noun

a number of individuals gathered together, especially for a particular purpose.