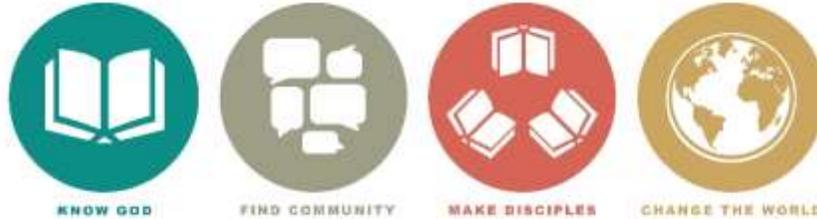


# CALLED



Called: An Invitation to Know God  
Ephesians 4:1

Ephesians 4:1 (NIV)

As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received.

### **Mission Statement**

GraceLife exists to help those who don't know Jesus come to know him and those that do know him come to know him better.

### **Our Discipleship Pathway:**

Know God – Find Community – Make Disciples – Change the World

John 17:3 (NASB)

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

### **1. Invited to relationship**

Psalms 139:1-5 (NIV)

You have searched me, Lord, and you know me. You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar. You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways. Before a word is on my tongue you, Lord, know it completely. You hem me in behind and before, and you lay your hand upon me.

Isaiah 6:1-9 (ESV)

In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!" And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. And I said: "Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!" Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. And he touched my mouth and said: "Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for." And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Then I said, "Here I am! Send me." And he said, "Go..."

**Encountering God looks like:**

- A. The Lord Reveals Himself**
- B. We see the Lord's Glory**
- C. We are made aware of our unworthiness**
- D. The Lord Cleanses our guilt**
- E. We yield to the Lord**
- F. The Lord commands**
- G. We obey**

Mathew 22:37 (ESV)

And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.

**2. Invited to worship together.**

Hebrews 10:24-25

And let us watch out for one another to provoke love and good works, not neglecting to gather together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging each other, and all the more as you see the day approaching.

**A. The Reasons We Gather**

- We gather so that we can encounter the Lord.

Psalm 22:3 (ESV)

"Yet you are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel

- We gather so that we can encourage one another

Ephesians 5:19-20 (ERV)

Encourage each other with psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs. Sing and make music in your hearts to the Lord. Always give thanks to God the Father for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Colossians 3:16 (NIV)

Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts

- We gather for protection

John 10:10 (CSB)

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy;

### **B. The Pattern of our Gathering**

Exodus 25:8 (NIV)

Then have them make a sanctuary for me, and I will dwell among them.

Hebrews 8:5-6 (NIV)

They serve at a sanctuary that is a copy and shadow of what is in heaven. This is why Moses was warned when he was about to build the tabernacle: "See to it that you make everything according to the pattern shown you on the mountain." But in fact the ministry Jesus has received is as superior to theirs as the covenant of which he is mediator is superior to the old one, since the new covenant is established on better promises.

2 Corinthians 3:18 (NIV)

And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.

### **C. The Benefits of our Gathering**

Psalms 16:11 (ESV)

You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

Hebrews 10:25 (CSB)

"encouraging each other, **and all the more as you see the day approaching.**"