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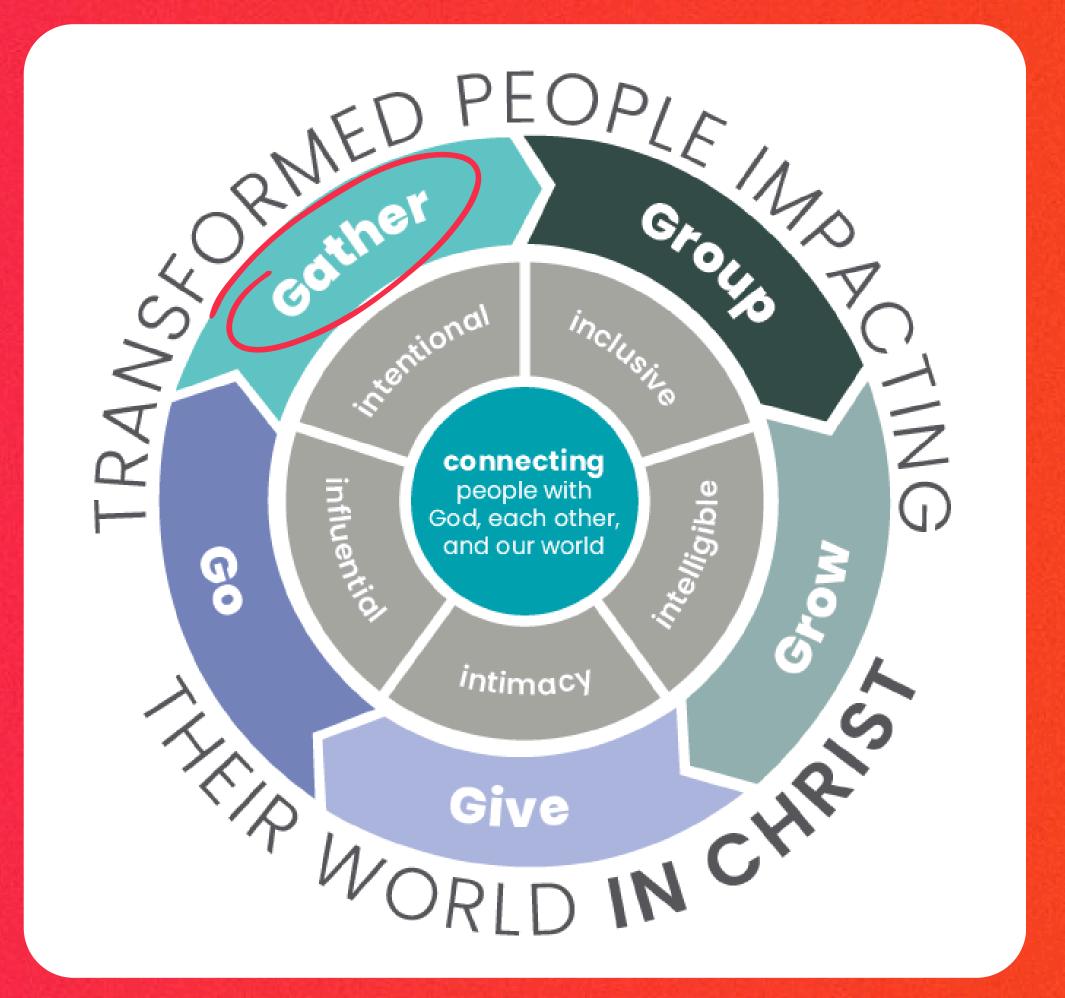




Our **mission** is to connect people to God, each other and our world.

Our **vision** is of transformed people impacting their world in Christ.







# Isaiah 6:1-9 (NIV)

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord, high and exalted, seated on a throne; and the train of his robe filled the temple. Above him were seraphim, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. And they were calling to one another: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory."



# Isaiah 6:1-9 (NIV)

At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke. "Woe to me!" I cried. "I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the Lord Almighty." Then one of the seraphim flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar.



# Isaiah 6:1-9 (NIV)

With it he touched my mouth and said, "See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for." Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I. Send me!" He said, "Go and tell this people: "Be ever hearing, but never understanding; be ever seeing, but never perceiving."



#### ISAIAH ENCOUNTERED FOUR THINGS:

- 1. A person—God
- 2. A perspective change
- 3. A purpose
- 4. A people



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"Worship is the submission of all our nature to God It is the quickening of our conscience by His holiness Nourishment of mind by His truth Purifying of imagination by His beauty Opening of the heart to His love And Submission of will to His purpose All this gathered up in adoration is the greatest of all expressions of which we are capable."

-Archbishop William Temple



# Matthew 18:20 (NIV)

For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them.



## Hebrews 13:15 (NIV)

Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise—the fruit of lips that openly profess his name.



### Matthew 12:34

Out of the abundance of the heart, the mouth speaks.



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"If worship does not change us, it has not been worship. To stand before the Holy One of eternity is to change. Worship begins in holy expectancy; it ends in holy obedience."

-Richard J. Foster



### **Psalm 73:17**

It seemed hopeless until I entered God's sanctuary.
Then I understood the destiny of the wicked.



# If God is good and loves His people, why do His people suffer?



# Ephesians 1:18 (Voice)

Open the eyes of their hearts, and let the light of Your truth flood in. Shine Your light on the hope You are calling them to embrace. Reveal to them the glorious riches You are preparing as their inheritance.



# God, open my eyes to see Your ways, Your works and Your Word.



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### Colossians 1:16

All things have been created by Him and all things find their purpose in Him.



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It is the line of people on earth who do not know Jesus.



A bridge of hope for the searching, a table of grace for the believing.

Bridge the lost, build the found.



### Luke 19:10

For the Son of Man (Jesus) came to seek and save that which was lost.



"In essentials, unity; in doubtful matters, liberty; in all things, charity."



"If we despise our brother, our worship is unreal, and forfeits every divine promise. When we come before God with hearts full of contempt, and unreconciled with our neighbors, we are, both individually and collectively, worshiping an idol."

-Dietrich Bonhoeffer, The Cost of Discipleship



### 1 Corinthians 1:10

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose.



### Hebrews 10:25 (NIV)

...not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.



# Matthew 6:31-34 (NIV)

So do not worry, saying, "What shall we eat?" or "What shall we drink?" or "What shall we wear?" For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.



Seek the King in His kingdom and through His perspective. We will see His purposes for us to impact the people in our world or spheres of influence.



Dear God, as we step into this new season, transform us by Your power and guide us to be impactful bridges for others. Open our eyes to Your ways, align us with Your purpose, and unite us in love. May we worship with authenticity, serve with passion, and impact lives for Your glory. Amen.



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