



We seek to **BE Jesus** in this world by

1. making a place for everyone to **BElong**,
2. going **BEyond** the church walls,
3. striving to **BEcome** God's Kingdom on earth.

**Be Jesus** — *We seek to be Jesus in this world by* — Gal 2:20, John 1:43

As Christians we are followers of Christ. His example in scripture is our life's goal, and we read the Bible through this revelation. Submitting to the Spirit we become the hands and feet of God. Like a **compass** always focused on North, we seek to Be Jesus through these three principles:

1. **Belong** — *making a place for everyone to belong* — Acts 10, 15

In a divided society we emphasize God's reach: Jesus came to save the whole world. Our heart is filled with welcome for everyone we encounter. We do not ask them to "fit in", as though they must learn our language or dress. We invite them, just as they are, into authentic community.

2. **Beyond** — *going beyond the church walls* — Matt 28:19-20, Ezekiel 47

This is the commission of the church and the story of the New Testament. We do not hunker down in safe confines, but we go out empowered by the Spirit to speak, serve, and live the Good News. We preemptively love so that the world may experience God's love.

3. **Become** — *to become God's Kingdom on earth* — Lk 17:21, Mt 6:32-3, 22:37-9, Ga 3:28, Ge 1-3

We live under the reign of God. Rather than pursue society's success, we seek the renewal of God's creation. We build relationships with our neighbor through service and equality. We strive to restore humanity's relationship with God, in whose image all were made.