



# Maturing in Christian Faith & Discipleship

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*Discipleship is the life's work of all those who are baptized and then confirmed in their baptism as they are both called and sent in the name of Jesus himself. Discipleship, then, is a one-word job description—for disciples, called and sent by Jesus. Authentic discipleship is participation in the ministry of Jesus and the way Jesus embodies, incarnates, and lives out this mission on earth.*

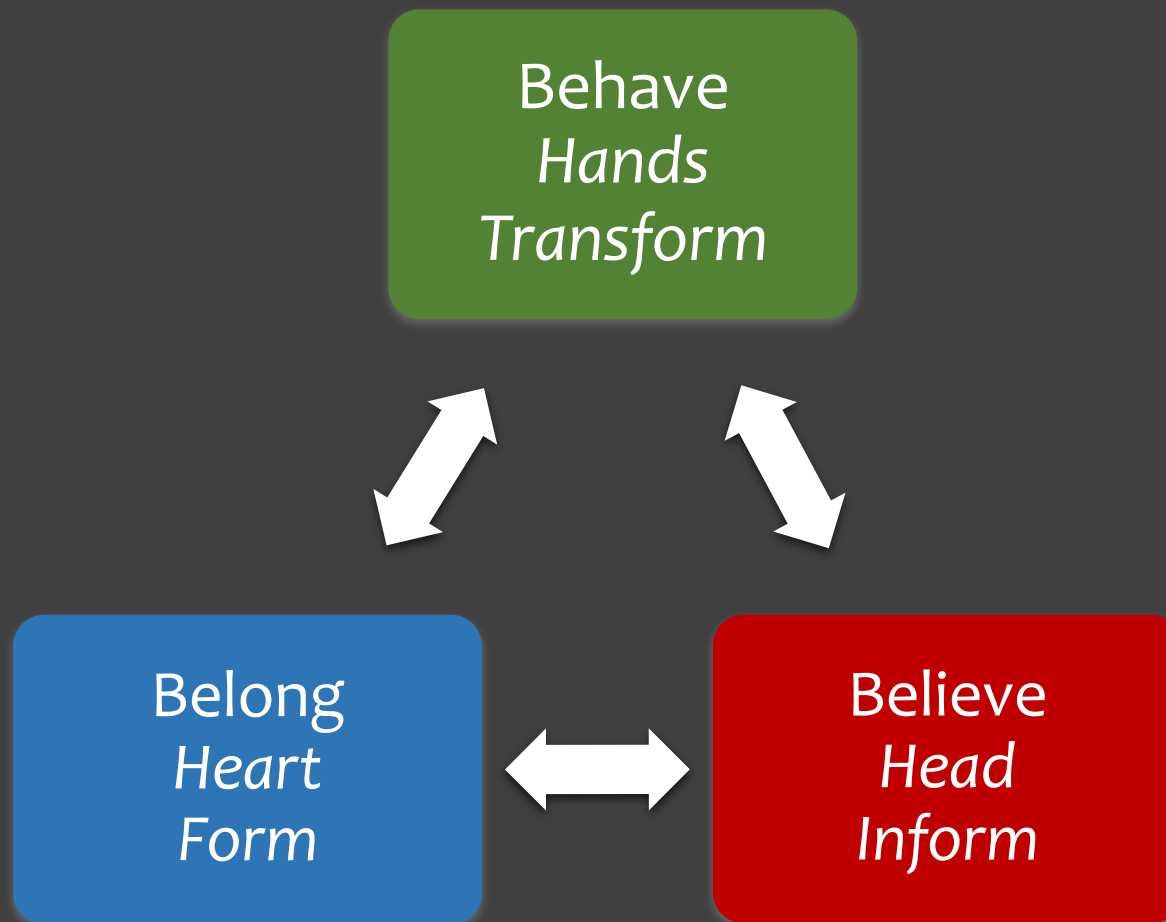
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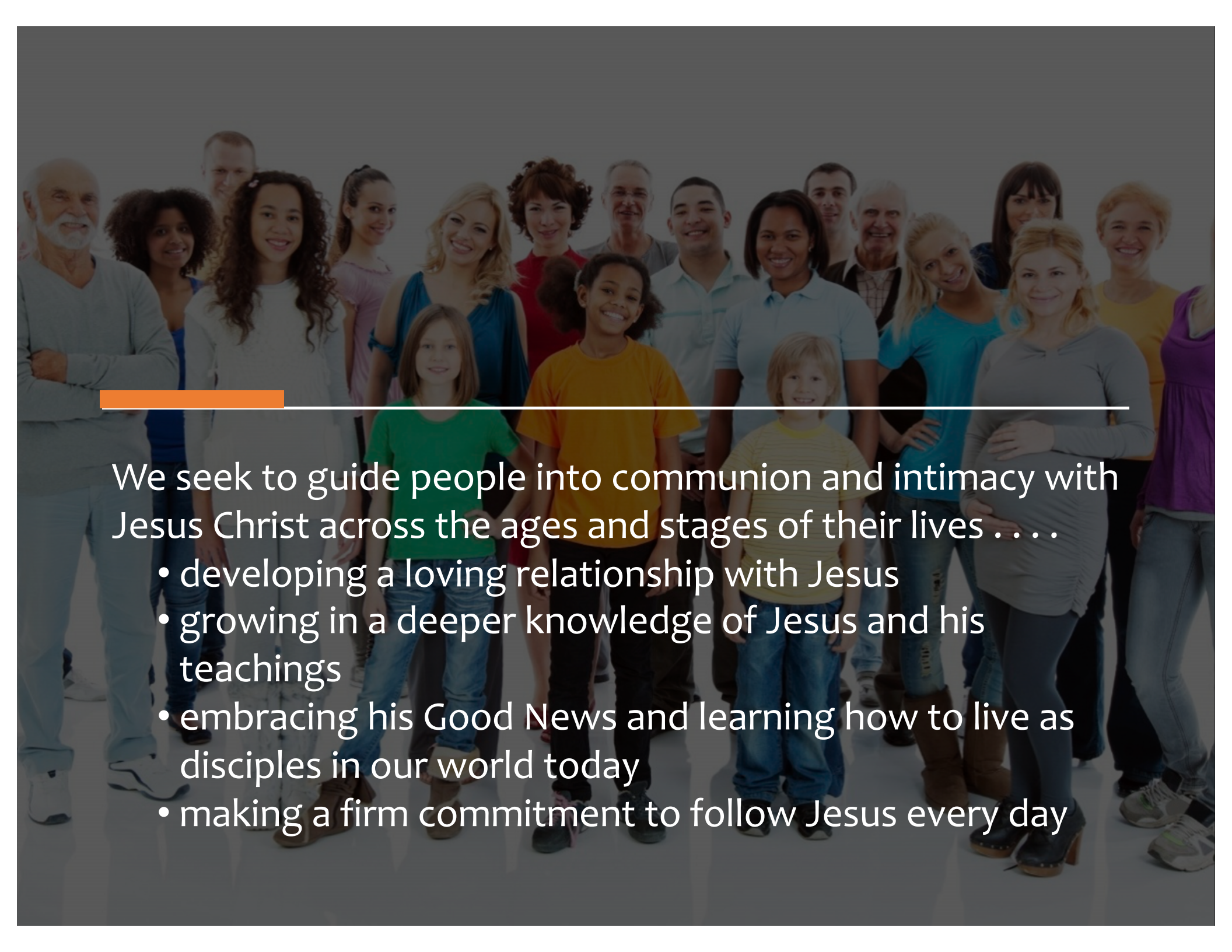


To be a follower means entering a lifelong process of learning from Jesus, to come to know who and what Jesus is, and what Jesus is claiming about God's call to community and mission.

# A Holistic Faith

*A robust and vital Christian faith is holistic—a way of the head, the heart, and the hands—informing, forming, and transforming people in Christian faith and identity.*






We seek to guide people into communion and intimacy with Jesus Christ across the ages and stages of their lives . . . .

- developing a loving relationship with Jesus
- growing in a deeper knowledge of Jesus and his teachings
- embracing his Good News and learning how to live as disciples in our world today
- making a firm commitment to follow Jesus every day



*What is your vision of maturing in  
Christian faith & discipleship?*



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# Maturing in Faith

## Jesus

- Developing and sustaining a personal relationship and commitment to Jesus Christ

## Discipleship

- Living as a disciple of Jesus Christ and making the Christian faith a way of life

## Bible

- Reading and studying the Bible—its message, meaning, and application to life today

## Teachings

- Learning the Christian story and foundational teachings of the Catholic faith and integrating its meaning into one's life

## Praying

- Praying—together and by ourselves—and seeking spiritual growth through spiritual disciplines





# Maturing in Faith

## Morality

- Living with moral integrity guided by Christian ethics and values

## Serving Justice

- Living the Christian mission in the world—serving those in need, caring for God’s creation, and acting and advocating for justice and peace.

## Worship


- Worshipping God with the community at Sunday worship, ritual celebrations, and the seasons of the church year

## Engaged

- Being actively engaged in the life, ministries, and activities of the faith community

## Gifts

- Practicing faith in Jesus Christ by using one’s gifts and talents within the Christian community and in the world

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