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SPIRITUAL HEALTH FOR THE LONG HAUL

Part 3: Keeping the Faith by Giving It Away | January 16 & 17, 2016
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Last week's simple challenge:

Take the spiritual health self-assessment then choose a next step.

Our mission is to be an authentic Christian community that effectively reaches out to unchurched people in love, acceptance and forgiveness, so that they may experience the joy of salvation and a purposeful life of discipleship.

Who accomplishes our mission? You do.

What activates our mission? Effectively reaching out.

What do we mean by evangelism? Genuinely loving people who are far from God and sharing with them God's story and our own story.

How does evangelism happen? Through love, acceptance and forgiveness.

Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these." – Mark 12:30-31

What's the outcome of our mission?

The joy of salvation

A purposeful life of discipleship

What I've observed:

Evangelism is the most catalytic spiritual practice.

All-Church Challenge

Identify three people you know who don't know Jesus and pray that God will bring them to their spiritual next step.

2 Corinthians 5:11, 14-15

¹¹ Since, then, we know what it is to fear the Lord, we try to persuade others.

¹⁴ For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. ¹⁵ And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.

Next Steps

- 1) If you haven't yet, take the Spiritual Health Self Assessment. You can find it online at ctkbellingham.com/spiritualhealth, on the CTK App, or pick up a paper copy in the Commons. Once you have your results, choose an area where you could use growth and find a class, group, or activity in CTK Life that will help you grow in that area.
- 2) Take some time to hear from God, then write the names of three people who are far from God on the card in today's program. Put it in a place where you will see it every day, and pray daily for those three people that God will lead them to their spiritual next step — whatever that may be.

Small Group Questions

- 1) Read our church's mission statement on the front of this outline or online at ctkbellingham.com/mission. What part of the mission statement sticks out to you the most? Why?
- 2) Evangelism has been tainted in our culture. Have you ever experienced a 'bad' version of evangelism? What happened?
- 3) Sharing faith with others can be hard, but also rewarding. Who shared with you? How did you come to know God?
- 4) Todd gave us all a challenge pray for three. Who are your three? Tell us about them.
- 5) How can we pray for you right now and this week? (and pray for your three!)

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