

Loving God is much more than: A BELIEF IN A CREED

RESPONSE TO AN INVITATION

SINGING WORSHIP SONGS

The key word is ALL.

ὅλος (holos) - whole, complete, intact, undivided, entire, all

I love God with all of me. That includes...

4th part of our mission: "... loving people."

WHY? Because people MATTER TO GOD.

*"And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself."  
Matthew 22:37 (ESV)*

God CREATED people.

*"Then the Lord God formed the man from the dust of the ground. He breathed the breath of life into his nostrils, and the man became a living person." Genesis 2:7 (NLT)*

God INITIATES relationship with people.

*"The Lord appeared to Abram." Genesis 12:7a (GNT)*

*"The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us."  
John 1:14a (NIV)*

*"But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God." John 1:12 (ESV)*

*"You received God's Spirit when he adopted you as his own children. Now we call him, 'Abba, Father.'" Romans 8:15 (NLT)*

Even ONE PERSON matters to God!

Jesus told stories of the lost sheep, the lost coin, the prodigal son in Luke 15.

*"Your Father in heaven feels the same way. He doesn't want to lose even one of these simple believers." Matthew 18:14 (MSG)*

So IF people matter to God, THEN ...

PEOPLE SHOULD MATTER TO US

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# Welcome to



a community loving God and loving people.

## We're So Glad You're Here!

We plan to celebrate Christ's love for seventy-five minutes tonight and we hope you'll sing, pray, laugh and learn along with us. We've worked hard to make our time together just like family. So sit back, relax, and enjoy the service. You're definitely among friends here at Church Requel.

## This Week: Our Mission

This week we're going to talk about our mission statement. What does it mean to be a community loving God and loving people? There's a lot of meaning in these 9 little words!

## Next Week: 1st Baptisms!

We have a really cool weekend coming up. Next week we'll conduct our first baptisms. And we'll talk about our purpose driven model of ministry. Don't miss next week!

## Want to Be Baptized?

Just write a note on the back of your info card and Pastor Mark will call you to make arrangements. We will be baptizing others over the next two weeks and we'd love to include you as well!

## Info Card

Would you do us the favor of filling out the green Info Card from top to bottom? We will keep you posted on what's happening at Church Requel. Drop off your card in one of the offering baskets as you exit. Thanks!

## White Donation Envelope

We appreciate your worship by giving tithes and offerings to support the ministry of Church Requel. Use the white envelope in your program and drop in one of the offering baskets on your way out.

## Prayer Requests and Praises

Do you have something you'd like us to pray about? After our communion time, we'd be happy to pray for your need. Fill out the peach prayer request card and drop it on the communion table.

## Communion Tonight

Tonight we will celebrate communion together. We invite you to participate if you are a Christ-follower. You do not need to be a member of our church. Take the bread and cup back to your seat individually when you're ready.

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The mission of Church Requel is...  
to be a community loving God and loving people.

1st part of our mission: "To be..."

**WHO WE ARE** is more important than **WHAT WE DO**.  
"For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he." Proverbs 23:7a (KJV)

"This people honors me with their lips, but their heart is far from me."  
Isaiah 29:13; Matthew 15:8 (ESV)

2nd part of our mission: "... a community..."

### 7 Reasons Why I Need Community!

#1. I **BELONG** in God's family with other believers.  
"So in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member **belongs** to all the others." Romans 12:5 (NIV)

"You are a member of God's very own family... and **you belong** in God's household with every other Christian." Ephesians 2:19 (LB)

#2. I need **ENCOURAGEMENT** to grow spiritually.  
"Let us think of one another and how we can **encourage each other** to love and do good deeds." Hebrews 10:24 (Ph)

"Every day... **keep encouraging one another** so that none of you is hardened by the glamour of sin." Hebrews 3:13 (JB)

#3. I need **ACCOUNTABILITY** to grow spiritually.  
"People learn from one another just as **iron sharpens iron**." Proverbs 27:17 (GN)

"Brothers, if someone is trapped in some sin, you who are spiritual should **restore him gently**... Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ." Galatians 6:1-2 (NIV)

#4. Christ is **PRESENT** in our community!  
"For wherever two or three come together in my name, I am there with them." Matthew 18:20 (GN)

#5. There is **POWER** when people pray together.  
"Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them." Matthew 19:19-20 (ESV)

#6. Fellowship is a **WITNESS** to the world.  
Jesus: "My prayer for all of them is that they will be of one heart and mind **so the world will believe** you sent me." John 17:2 (LB)

#7. I am **OBLIGATED** to the other Christ-followers.  
"Each of you has received a gift to **use to serve others**. Be good servants of God's various gifts of grace." 1 Peter 4:10 (NCV)

"There are different kinds of service to God... together you form the body of Christ and each one of you is a **necessary part of it**." 1 Cor. 12:5, 27 (LB)

**108 "one anothers" in the New Testament. Consider these examples:**

Serve one another - Gal. 5:13	Bear one another's burdens - Gal. 6:2
Accept one another - Rom. 15:7	Be devoted to one another - Rom. 12:10
Forgive one another - Col. 3:13	Greet one another - Rom. 16:16
Honor one another - Rom. 12:10	Teach one another - Rom. 14:14
Submit to one another - Eph. 5:21	Encourage one another - 1 Thess. 5:11

3rd part of our mission: "... loving God..." **OUR TOP PRIORITY**

"Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?' 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. This is the great and first commandment.'" Matthew 36-38 (ESV)

... **all your heart**... καρδία (kardia) - heart, inner self; mind; will, desire, intention

... **all your soul**... ψυχή (psychē) - self, inner life, one's inmost being; (physical) life; that which has life, living creature, person, human being.

... **all your mind**... διάνοια (dianoia) - mind, understanding; intention, purpose; thought, attitude