



## Key References:

### Matthew 16:15–18 (ESV)

<sup>15</sup> He said to them, “**But who do you say that I am?**” <sup>16</sup> Simon Peter replied, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” <sup>17</sup> And Jesus answered him, “**Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven.**” <sup>18</sup> **And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.**

### Philippians 2:1–8 (NIV)

Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, <sup>2</sup> then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. <sup>3</sup> Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, <sup>4</sup> not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

<sup>5</sup> In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: <sup>6</sup> Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; <sup>7</sup> rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. <sup>8</sup> And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death— even death on a cross!

### Revelation 2:3–4 (ESV)

<sup>3</sup> **I know you are enduring patiently and bearing up for my name’s sake, and you have not grown weary.** <sup>4</sup> **But I have this against you, that you have abandoned the love you had at first.**

## 1 – KNOWING JESUS

Oceanside’s mission statement is simply “*to know Jesus and to make Him known.*” **How does this sum up everything we try to do?**

Mike on Sunday said: “*I want to encourage you to go on a fresh journey to know Jesus. Because it’s only the Jesus that we know for ourselves that we can make known.*” **What would going on a fresh journey to know Jesus more look like in your life?**

**What does it mean to truly know Jesus? Do you feel like your knowing of Jesus has increased in the last season? What can we do to pursue an active and growing relationship with Jesus?**

Read Matthew 16:15-18. **Was Jesus talking about Peter or Peter’s revelation when he referred to the rock that he will build the church on? Why is this supernatural revelation so important to uphold?**

## 2 – BECOMING LIKE JESUS

Read Philippians 2:1–8. Verse 5 encourages us to have the same mindset a Christ. **When we pursue relationship with Jesus what should we see happening to ourselves?**

## 3 – LOVING JESUS

Read Revelation 2:2-4. **What is the warning that Jesus had for the church in Ephesus? Why are the good things listed in verse 3 not enough for anyone’s walk with Jesus?**

**What does it mean to “*have abandoned the love you had*”? How can someone do the things detailed in verse 3 and not love Jesus?**

**How must we take this same warning to heart for ourselves?** This church previously had a love for Jesus. **How can a love for Jesus dwindle in a believer’s life? How instead can we fan into flame, not just a “knowing” of Jesus, but a deepening love for him also?**

Mike said at the end on Sunday; “*God for me in this year is reminding me what this is all about. That’s it’s all about Him. That He’s my joy. That He’s my passion. That He’s the one I serve and He’s the one a represent.*” **Why must Jesus always be the center of everything we do inside and outside of the church?**