

Vision:

1. The faculty or state of being able to see clearly and accurately.
2. The ability to think about or plan the future with imagination or wisdom. A preferred future.

The greatest invitation of all time: follow me.

Matthew 4:19-20, 8:21-22, 9:9-13

What does following mean?

Matthew 16:24-26 | Ephesians 2:8-10 | Philippians 2:5-18

Is Jesus Savior and Lord?

When we follow Jesus, our future is transformed:

1 Thessalonians 5:16-22 | John 10:27-30 | Romans 12:1-2

Blessing
Purpose
Security
Joy

Many of our Life Groups use this insert as a discussion guide throughout the week. We encourage you to take that next step in your journey with Jesus & His church by joining one today! www.seekreallife.com/groups

Share your story

What insight, question, or resolution did you discover from our time of worship together on Sunday?

Have you ever caught yourself thinking you're pretty wise or clever about something? In those moments, what helped bring you back to reality?

Connect to God's story

Read Matthew 11:25-30.

Central to our vision at Real Life is answering Jesus' call and following Him. According to this passage, what can you expect to experience as you follow Him?

What does Jesus mean by childlike? What's the difference between childlike and childish?

Think about the kind of burden we carry when we follow Jesus. How does He describe it? Have you received the gift of restful work? What does this look like?

Read Mark 10:35-45.

Notice, the disciples talked of political victory and power, but Jesus talked of death and resurrection. How is the way of Jesus different than the way of the government? What guards us from becoming self-serving – putting the wrong things first?

People tend to wrestle for positions and the church is not immune. From what Jesus says in response to His disciples, what can we ask God to help us become as we serve? Why is this so important?

Read Romans 15:1-6.

What should our position be toward others? What does the Scriptures give us as we patiently wait? Why is this so important to our unity and growth together?

Who gives us patience and encouragement? How do these things help us unify?

This week, ask the Lord what is one thing you can be praying for as a group for Real Life as we dive into 2020 that will help us grow in unity as we impact our community and world for Jesus?

May God, who gives this patience and encouragement, help you live in complete harmony with each other, as is fitting for followers of Christ Jesus. Then all of you can join together with one voice, giving praise and glory to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- Romans 15:5-6 (NLT)

Real Life Prayer for 2020

It is God's will for us to have an intimate, personal, and dependent relationship with all of Him—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. This year let us make it personal, a prayer of commitment and connection with God.

Pause Prayers

Read each of these simple statement prayers separately then pause, pray, listen, and respond:

"Abba, I belong to You."

"Come Lord Jesus."

"I surrender to You."

"Holy Spirit set my love in order."

"I trust You."

"You are enough."

As we open ourselves to a new year and a new decade, ask God to bring a personal **revival*** to you: body, mind, and spirit. As each of us fully embraces all that God has for us, He is able to work immeasurably in, for, and through us.

When we open ourselves to God reviving us, we will not be the same. Real Life Church will not be the same. Our community will not be the same. Let us claim 2020 as the year of the Lord's favor and look with expectant eyes for the miracles of God!

***Revival Definition:** *an improvement in the condition or strength of something.*