

# EXPLORE

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Equipping individuals to become fully engaged members of the winfmc community.

## win**101** committed & faithful

Explore how the ministries of winfmc achieve community through commitment to Jesus and faithfulness to His invitation and call.

## win**201** community & covenant

Hear why we are encouraged to join in community in "covenant relationship" with one another as a church and as The Church.

## win**301** vision & values

Understand our vision – where we are headed – and our values – the core ideals that enable us to achieve our vision.

## win**401** passion & purpose

Discover your personality and gifts and reveal your passion and purpose to be engaged to live, love, and serve.

# win101 committed & faithful

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We seek to be a community of committed and faithful followers of Jesus who live, love, and serve with passion and purpose.

We believe that the core of this vision is **COMMUNITY**

We believe that **GOD HAS INVITED US INTO COMMUNITY WITH HIMSELF** and **HE HAS CALLED US INTO COMMUNITY WITH OTHER BELIEVERS.**

But sin – going against God's desire – breaks our close relationship with God. It causes us to fear God and try to live our lives outside of His will.

*The wages of sin is death, BUT the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

Romans 6:23

*But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.*

Romans 5:8

*There is one God. And there is one go-between for God and human beings. He is the man Christ Jesus. He gave himself to pay for the sins of all people.*

1 Timothy 2:5-6

God has already done His part to restore our relationship to Him. He took the initiative. Now He waits for each of us to individually accept what He has done for us.

## GOD CALLS US INTO DEEPER COMMUNITY

### WORSHIP

1. Communion
2. Scripture
3. Prayer
4. Fasting

### GIVING

1. Treasure
2. Talent
3. Time

### SHARING

1. One Another
2. Others

## HOW TO RESTORE YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

1. **Realize** that God has not been first place in our life, and ask Him to forgive your sins.

*If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.*

1 John 1:9

2. **Believe** that Jesus died to pay for your sins and that He rose from the dead and is alive today.

*If you openly declare that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is by believing in your heart that you are made right with God, and it is by openly declaring your faith that you are saved.*

Romans 10:9-10

*Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name [than Jesus] under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved.*

Acts 4:12

3. **Accept** God's free gift of salvation. Don't try to earn it.

*For it is by grace you are saved, through faith — and this not from yourselves, it is God's gift — not by works, so that no one can boast.*

Ephesians 2:8-9

4. **Invite** Jesus to come into your life and be the Lord of your life

*To all who received him, he gave the right to become children of God.*

John 1:12

## YOU CAN RESTORE YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD TODAY

**PRAY:** Dear Jesus, thank you for creating me and for loving me even when I've ignored you and gone my own way. I realize I need you in my life, and I'm sorry for my sins. I ask you to forgive me. Thank you for dying on the cross for me. As much as I know how, I want to follow You from now on. Please come into my life and make me a new person inside. I accept your free gift of salvation. Please help me to grow now as a Christian.

## CONFIRMING YOUR RELATIONSHIP THROUGH BAPTISM

We practice baptism by immersion in water,  
This is the way Jesus was baptized and the way the Bible describes.

*At that time Jesus came and was baptized by John in the Jordan. Just as Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove.*  
Mark 1:9-10

*Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.*  
Matthew 28:19

*Whoever acknowledges me before others, I will also acknowledge before my Father in heaven. But whoever disowns me before others, I will disown before my Father in heaven.*  
Matthew 10:32-33

## BY BEING WATER BAPTIZED YOU ARE

1. Following the example set by Christ
2. Demonstrating your changed life
3. Declaring your commitment publicly

## NEXT STEPS: Committed & Faithful

1. Consider your current commitment and faithfulness to Jesus.
2. If you have never been baptized, consider taking that step in your faith journey.
3. Commit to being a part of a Community Group

**COMMUNITY GROUPS** are groups of individuals who share struggles and encouragement, share in relevant discussions, pray for one another, serve together, and mature in their walk with Jesus.

- **DISCUSSION GROUPS** (typically 5-35 people) are focused around a book of the Bible, passages of Scripture or topical matters or the Christian life. Discussion groups exist to facilitate relevant Biblical discussions and practical guidance for following Jesus.
- **DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS** (typically 3-6 people) are groups of individuals of the same gender that meet together weekly to build relationships, share in accountability and Biblical direction. Discipleship groups exist to raise up disciples who raise up disciples.