

## IMAGINE . . . EMPOWERED

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***Romans 8:37*** says, *'In all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.'* ***Our God, who wants us to never be separated from Him, offers us the power of Christ that we might have the ability to overcome 'stuff' we couldn't overcome without His power. With this message we learn that committing to God's program and immersing ourselves in the spiritual disciplines prepares us to carry the conquering spirit into whatever the circumstances of life, that we might progress along the spiritual growth continuum with the intention of becoming fully Christ-centered.***

**Mission Statement:** To be ***enabled*** through Christ, ***transformed*** daily by the Father, and ***empowered*** by the Holy Spirit, to faithfully live and communicate His heart in our community and throughout the world.

### **PROMISES THAT ASSIST IN FULFILLING MISSION:**

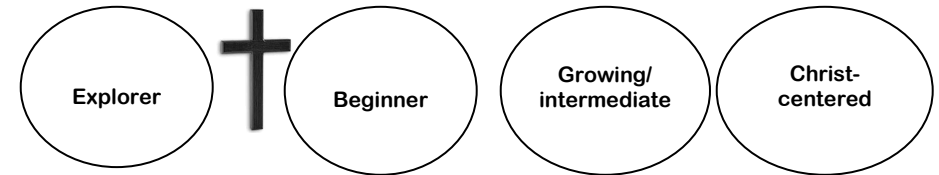
**Romans 8:38-39 (NIV)** <sup>38</sup> For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, <sup>39</sup> neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**Romans 8:28 (NIV)** <sup>28</sup> And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

**Romans 8:31 (NIV)** <sup>31</sup> What, then, shall we say in response to this? If God is for us, who can be against us?

**MEMORY VERSE: Romans 8:37 (NIV)** <sup>37</sup> No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

**2 Kings 6:15-17 (NIV)** <sup>15</sup> When the servant of the man of God got up and went out early the next morning, an army with horses and chariots had surrounded the city. "Oh, my lord, what shall we do?" the servant asked. <sup>16</sup> "Don't be afraid," the prophet answered. "Those who are with us are more than those who are with them." <sup>17</sup> And Elisha prayed, "O LORD, open his eyes so he may see." Then the LORD opened the servant's eyes, and he looked and saw the hills full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha.



**Acts 20:24 (NIV)** <sup>24</sup> However, I consider my life worth nothing to me, if only I may finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me--the task of testifying to the gospel of God's grace.

### **REACTION TO OUR GATHERING PATTERNS:**

1. Pathetic
2. Abysmal
3. Unconscionable
4. All of the above?

**Luke 4:16 (NIV)** <sup>16</sup> He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom. And he stood up to read.

**Hebrews 10:25 (NIV)** <sup>25</sup> Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another--and all the more as you see the Day approaching.