The Home Church

God’s true people are of the reformation, led by the Holy Spirit. A people who find themselves within existing church buildings but have heard from the same Holy Spirit that it is absolutely time to press on, rediscover that first love that you knew when first Christ called. The Holy Spirit has now matured you that you may spiritually and intentionally align yourselves with the Kingdom of God, no matter where you started your journey. Some of what we have inherited is pure gold, some may need to fade away; and so Christ passes on to us the divine legacy of truth and we walk together with Him.

Now we think about the church in terms of faith rather than rules, people rather than programs, bible principles rather than cultural expediency, humility rather than pride, and simplicity rather than frivolity. If there is any holy discomfort that the Holy Spirit is guiding you to discern you must seek him who is able to save you. Salvation is of the Lord.

Hebrews 7:25

II Corinthians 3:2-5

God’s people are His church. We not only have the message…we are the message. We are founded on our organic relation with Jesus, not formalism of an organization.

Psalms 77:13

Acts 9:1, 2

Before there were Christians, God’s people was called “The Way”. These first followers of Jesus made a radical claim about the person and work of Jesus.

Acts 22:1-4

John 14:6, 7

Think about how radical to the Jewish mind it was when Jesus of Nazareth stated, “I am *the way* and the truth and the life. The full intent of the sanctuary is to teach this single principle. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you really know me, you will know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him”.  Jesus was putting himself on the same level as the Word of God.  He asserted that only as one accessed God the Father *through the person of Jesus* could one expect to have a relationship with the Father.  He daringly maintained that our human flourishing could only be realized by coming in contact with him.

John 1:1, 2, 14

Jesus is God’s self-revelation to humanity.

I Peter 2:21

Being a follower of the way is not a path to travel, but rather a pattern to follow. The question to us is – do we follow Christianity or do we follow ‘the way’?

Acts 7:48, 49

At the cost of his life, Stephen reminded us that God does not live in temples made by human hands. The church is the people of God. The church, therefore, was and is at home where people are at home: in ordinary houses. There the people of God share their lives in the power of the Holy Spirit. They ‘gift’ their property to the cause and purpose of God. They share material and spiritual blessings. They teach each other how to obey God’s Word. Not by lecturing but by dialoguing with questions and answers.

Ephesians 1:6-10

We have unity in Christ…no clergy-laity division.