



**PURPOSE** *(why we exist) :*

*To guide youth into a saving relationship with Jesus Christ for the glory of God.*

**mission** *(what we do) :*

*Develop missionally minded youth for Jesus Christ.*

**vision** *(what we want to accomplish) :*

*To see generations of passionate youth for Jesus Christ*

**methodology:**

**Experience:** *Illuminate Ministries will provide its youth hands on experiences in which they can tangibly enact and receive the grace and love of Jesus Christ (Psa. 34:8)*

**Education:** *Illuminate Ministries will provide its youth with a high quality biblical and theological education, one which will allow them to be relevant and impacting in their given environments (Luke 2:52)*

**Encouragement:** *Illuminate Ministries will give its youth encouragement to grow into the men and women of God they were created to be (Heb. 3:13)*

## 5 CORE VALUES:

*In its most basic form, a disciple is someone who exists in a loving relationship with Jesus Christ and seeks to do His will in life – missional-mindedness being an essential part of this developmental process.*

*With the definition of a missionally-minded disciple of Jesus Christ in hand, the following are both values we hope to see developed within the hearts of the youth that are engaged in our program and guiding principles for the leaders of Illuminate Ministries.*

**G***race:* Missionally-minded followers of Jesus Christ have all individually received the saving grace of Jesus Christ (Rom. 10:9). Those who have experienced this grace also desire to share this love to others around them through evangelism and the collective ministry of the Church (Matt. 28:19).

**G***rowth:* Missionally-minded followers of Jesus Christ know that the grace of God that saved them is only the beginning of His work within them (Eph. 2:8-10). Disciples of Jesus Christ gratefully and willingly respond to this grace by pursuing a lifelong process of spiritual growth centered in prayer, worship, and Bible study (2 Pet. 3:18). Such commitments are not made simply for the self, but as a further means of reaching a lost world for Jesus Christ (Matt. 5:16).

**G***ather:* Missionally-minded followers of Jesus pursue loving relationships with those in his/her home, school, and church community (Acts 2:46). These disciples recognize that one of the Lord's greatest desires is to see His creation find reconciliation with Himself and with one another (Matt. 5:9, Rom. 14:19)

**G***ifts:* Missionally-minded followers of Jesus Christ recognize that the Church is composed of independent members, each uniquely gifted by the Holy Spirit for the purpose of building up the body and furthering the ministry of the Church in the world (Rom. 12:6-8)

**G***oing:* Missionally-minded followers of Jesus Christ recognize that God is a missional God and He has a plan for the world. These disciples understand that God desires to restore all of His creation and expects those who have turned to Him in faith and repentance to go and extend the message of peace and salvation through Jesus Christ to those in and outside of the Church (Matt 28:19, Gen 12:2).

**YOU ARE THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD  
(MATTHEW 5:14)**