





## **Statement of faith:**

"To endeavor to live a life increasingly consistent with our profession of faith and our high calling in Jesus Christ our Lord and to witness for Him by Word and deed."



## What does it mean to follow Jesus?

1. Following Him in seeking social outcasts (vv.9-10)

*"As Jesus went on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax collector's booth. "Follow me," he told him, and Matthew got up and followed him. While Jesus was having dinner at Matthew's house, many tax collectors and "sinners" came and ate with him and his disciples."*



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2. Following Him in rebuking sinful attitudes (vv.11-13)

*"When the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and 'sinners'?"*

*On hearing this, Jesus said, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. But go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners."*



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3. Following Him in proclaiming the good news (v.35)

*"Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness."*



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3. Following Him in proclaiming the good news (v.35) continued.

### The gospel message:

1 Corinthians 15:1-4 "Now, brothers, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain.

*For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures."*



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4. Following Him in shepherding the helpless (v36)

*"When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd."*



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5. Following Him in praying for new harvesters (vv.37-38)

*"Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."*