

This is Us 3: A Relationship with God

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STEPS

Access Point: Step ON the walkway
 Checkpoint 1: Step IN to community
 Checkpoint 2: Step THROUGH to growth
 Checkpoint 3: Step UP in commitment

VALUES

Every person is loved by God and valued by us.
 Every person needs a moral compass.
 Every believer has unique gifts from God.
 Every believer has a role in the kingdom of God.

MISSION

As a growing and expanding spiritual community committed to helping people take a step in the right direction towards reaching their ultimate redemptive potential and purpose, we want to *introduce people to God* and help them develop a *personal relationship with Him* through His Son Jesus Christ. We desire to *reach people with the message* that God loves them and that a relationship with Him will *transform their lives*, enabling them to develop healthy, nurturing relationships with others. We continually endeavour to do this in ways that are both *culturally relevant* and *spiritually dynamic*.

RELIGION

Temple Model:

Sacred places
 Sacred texts
 Sacred men
 Sincere followers

Old Testament:

A perfect leader.
 A perfect community.
 A set of rules.
 A severe set of consequences.

John 10

The Gate – Jesus is the way into the sheep pen and out to the pasture.
 The Shepherd – Jesus is the shepherd who speaks to His sheep, leads His sheep, and loves His sheep.
 The Sheep – We know the shepherd and follow the shepherd.
 The Thief – climb in another way, to steal, kill and destroy, to attack and scatter the flock.
 Other Sheep – those outside the flock that the shepherd wants to bring in also.



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