

MEASURES

Acts 2:36-41 & John 8:31-32, 13:35, 15:8

While our movement in Asia is in its sixth year and our movement in Africa is in its first year, our website is new and still under construction. Please be patient. God has blessed us with phenomenal growth in the number of new believers (thousands) and house churches (hundreds). However, we want ensure that what we make available online is based in Scripture, aligned with the ministry of Jesus, and empowers us to live out Jesus mission in our world effectively.

Eventually this PDF document will have much more information and links to how we determine the boundaries of our active fellowship, or what we call the MEASURES of movement boundaries. We believe God has led us to define the MEASURES of our fellowship boundaries and participation in the JESUShaped movement based on two biblical principles of spiritual cohesion and fellowship:

We believe Jesus is our only way to God as flawed humans ([John 14:1-6](#); [Acts 4:12](#)). We believe Jesus is LORD and can save anyone at anytime as He so chooses, just as He did the thief on the cross ([Luke 23:39-43](#)). We rejoice in any and all whom Jesus saves! That is the passion that drives so much of what we do.

We also have the great blessing of seeing what people were taught about Jesus and how they responded to become part of Jesus' disciples. This process is seen throughout the book of Acts. This process was affirmed and defined more deeply in the letters of the New Testament. Not be overlooked, these practices were prophesied by John the baptizer as well as commanded and practiced by Jesus, Himself.

So, we use the New Testament teaching the examples in the book of Acts as our foundation. We believe it is essential for people to come to Christ through a public confession of their faith in Him as Savior, LORD, Messiah, and Son of God ([John 3:16-17](#); [Romans 8:9-10](#)). We believe it important that they be baptized by immersion, as Jesus commanded for someone to become a disciple ([Matthew 28:18-20](#)) as they share with Jesus in the Good News of the gospel ([1 Corinthians 15:3-7](#)) and the death, burial, and resurrection with Jesus in baptism based on their faith ([Romans 6:3-14](#), [10:13](#); [Acts 16:22](#); [Colossians 2:12-15](#)). In fulfillment of John the baptizer's prophecies ([Matthew 3:11](#); [Acts 2:32-33](#); [Titus 3:3-7](#)) and Jesus' promise ([John 3:5-8](#)), we believe each disciple of Jesus has the Holy Spirit living in them after the Spirit has made them holy and filled them ([Romans 8:9](#); [1 Corinthians 6:9-11](#), [19-20](#), [12:13](#)).

Thank you for having a heart that longs to carry out the passion and mission of our LORD Jesus in our broken and lost world. Thank you for wanting to lead people into the family of God and build strong groups of disciples, who make disciples, and who are committed to the ways Jesus taught us.

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