

**We Believe in Christian Living**  
(EFC A article #8 of 10)

**Article 8** - *We believe that God's justifying grace must not be separated from His sanctifying power and purpose. God commands us to love Him supremely and others sacrificially, and to live out our faith with care for one another, compassion toward the poor and justice for the oppressed. With God's Word, the Spirit's power, and fervent prayer in Christ's name, we are to combat the spiritual forces of evil. In obedience to Christ's commission, we are to make disciples among all people, always bearing witness to the gospel in word and deed.*

1. Reliant on God – Proverbs 3:5-6

*Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.* - Proverbs 3:5-6 (NIV)

2. Emptied of self – Matthew 10:38-39

*If you refuse to take up your cross and follow me, you are not worthy of being mine. If you cling to your life, you will lose it; but if you give up your life for me, you will find it.* - Matthew 10:38-39 (NLT)

3. Authentic in relationship – 1 John 3:16

*"This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters."* – 1 John 3:16 (NIV)

4. Light of the World – John 8:12

*Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."* - John 8:12 (NIV)

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# At Home Study Guide

For the week of November 21, 2021

*We Believe. We – Bethel Evangelical Free Church and all those who call this local body of believers our church home. We Believe – we have confidence that these essential truths are what we hold onto in common. Over this 10-week series we will cover ten essential truths of our faith. We pray you will grow deeper in knowing what you believe and why you believe it.*

1. Christians live differently by loving differently than the world. We are called to love God by making disciples. Read Matthew 4:19. In what ways can you help others to follow Jesus, be changed by Jesus, and be committed to the mission of Jesus?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. It can be difficult, especially in the negative cultural climate of today, to love others well. What is God teaching you about loving others?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. How has God been challenging you to serve the world? In what ways do you think you could use your gifts and abilities to serve the world? Think about creative ways you could serve your neighbors this holiday season.

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