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So we continue to preach Christ to each person, using all wisdom to warn and to teach everyone, in order to bring each one into God's presence as a mature person in Christ. Colossians 1:28

For thirty-eight years Thornapple Covenant Church has been called to **help people find and follow Jesus Christ** (John 1:35-51). We believe this to be our main task and by the power of the Holy Spirit we participate in God's mission that all people come to faith and that all things be made right in and through Jesus our Lord.

As an intergenerational Jesus-Centered Community we believe we are called to know Jesus and follow him by centering our lives around him and by doing so experience his transforming presence, a transformation by which we become more like Christ, know his abundance in our lives and willingly live like Christ for the sake of others and the sharing of the good news of the gospel (Romans 12:1-2; Galatians 4:19; 1 Peter 2:21).

But how should we live? What shape does our discipleship take in our daily lives? At Thornapple finding and following Jesus means we humbly commit ourselves to a way of daily living that honors Jesus and winsomely draws people to him. To that end we invite each person to practice the following missional habits.

- Bless our neighbors with God's love and the good news of Jesus (*Witness*).
- Look to God in prayer at all times and seasons (*Pray*).
- Learn Jesus through engagement with God's word (*Word*).
- Share our life with a small group of disciples (*Community*).
- Care for the poor and vulnerable as we extend the compassion of Christ (*Serve*).

It is our hope and prayer that as a result of our active faith we will see people find Jesus Christ, follow him with passion and maturity, and work for the flourishing of our city and world.