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The SIF Vision



## Church Camps

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### 1. Denomination/Doctrine

- -Catholics
- -Baptists
- -Reformed
- -Pentecostal, etc



### 2. Demographic Characteristics:

- -Age groups
- -Nationality/Ethnicity
- -Profession/Social Class



### 3. Elements of Worship

- -Prayer
- -Music/Worship



### 4. A 'Specialty' Message

- -Prosperity
- -Career & Business Success
- -Political and Socio-Cultural Activism







### Vision:

# Expats living, loving & leading like Jesus

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# ...like Jesus



### Jesus at the Centre

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### Colossians 1:15-23 ESV

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

# Live

like Jesus

### Colossians 1:9-14 ESV

And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him: bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; being strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy; giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

### **Must-have Attributes**

- 1. Passion to **LEARN**
- 2. Humility to unlEARN
- 3. Patience to reLEARN
- 4. Curiosity to **DISCERN**

### **Available Resources**

- -Ministries & Small Groups
- -RightNow Media
- -SIF Library



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### John 13:34-35 (NIV)

"A new **command** I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, **so you must love one another**. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."



### 1 John 4:19 (NIV)

We love because he first loved us.





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### **Unknown Application**

### 1 Corinthians 13:4-7 (NIV)

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs.

Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth.

### 1 John 3:17 (NET)

But whoever has the world's possessions and sees his fellow Christian in need and shuts off his compassion against him, how can the love of God reside in such a person?



### Galatians 6:9-10 (ESV)

And let us not grow weary of **doing good**, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. So then, as we have opportunity, let us **do good** to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.



### Philippians 2:1-4 (NIV)

Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being likeminded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

### Galatians 6:2 (NIV)

Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.





### My SIF Story I - Dr Adejoke



### Matthew 20:24-28 (NIV)

When the ten heard about this, they were indignant with the two brothers. Jesus called them together and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be your slave—just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

### Mark 10:45 (NIV)

For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to **serve**, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

### Matthew 23:11 (NIV)

The greatest among you will be your servant.

### Philippians 2:5-7 (NIV)

In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.



# Get involved!

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### My SIF Story II -Rose & Jason



# Summary



### SIF Vision - Expats living, loving & leading like Jesus

- Jesus at the Centre
  - Walking in a manner worthy of the Lord

What is your **Operating System** (OS)?

- To lead is to serve
- SIF & I Get involved!