Being Kingdom People

1. Our life and leadership will be anchored in and spring from growing intimacy and communion with the living Christ. Our lives will be marked by the fellowship of sharing in Jesus’ sufferings, the power of His Resurrection, and the model of His servant leadership. We will worship and enjoy the Father, Son and Spirit. We will be quick to humble ourselves, to repent authentically, and to strongly recognize our dependence on Jesus. We will seek, discern, and obey Him and His calls on our lives. We will be people of His Word. We will lead spiritually.

2. We will enjoy authentic mission community. We will be “all in” for each other... for our health in Christ, our families, and our mission to reach every kid. We will cherish our families. We will work hard at unity. We will honor and serve one another. We will follow the chain of command. We will faithfully address conflict and fiercely guard our relationships with one another. We will gracefully embrace that we are all works in progress. We will welcome others. May the world see Jesus by how we love each other.

3. We will intentionally and strategically steward all entrusted to us. We will develop the God-given capacities of our “being” (character, communion with God, who we are) and our “doing” (our call, our mission, our competence, what we do.) Our goal is faithfulness, not necessarily “success.” Our lives will be worthy of the calling we have received. We will set examples in speech, in life, in love, in faith, and in purity. We will see our development from a life-long perspective.

4. We will maintain a Biblical view of money. We will not be intimidated by or enamored with wealth. We will make money our slave to avoid the contrary. We will model that it is not the collection of things that counts but rather the “being.” We will invest the temporal to net the eternal. We will excel in radical generosity and wise stewardship. We will seek the Lord’s leading within the interplay between vision and provision. We will overflow with thankfulness unto God and man. We will invite others to do the same.

5. We will have God-sized vision. The Kingdom shall explode in and through us and cut across all boundaries of geography, culture, and attitude. Our lives, relationships, and mission shall reflect the fullness of the Kingdom. Grace and truth. Cross cultural. Soul-winning and stomach feeding. A world of kids.

6. We will hold up God-worshipping excellence unto Jesus. We will call out the best in each other. Our examples, confrontations, and encouragement will communicate love and truth.

7. We will lead in costly grace. We will give our lives away to Christ and people, holding nothing back. We will model servant leadership. We will endure hardship like a good soldier. We will keep our head in all situations. We will trust Christ to reveal and establish our true lives as we trust Him and love others.

8. We will live as reliable and qualified Kingdom people. We will leave a legacy of love and service by making disciples and reproducing leaders. We will develop passionate followers of Christ.

9. We will model gutsy front line relationships and spiritual leadership with kids. We will go after the hard to reach. We will be innovative and relevant to youth culture. We will adapt the proven principles of Young Life to our unique cultural contexts. We will keep going after the next kid, the next school, the next community, the next county, the next country!

10. We will pray. Intentional. Creative. Refreshing. Just do it!