

## Coming Into Unity With God's Big Purpose – Jesus & the Kingdom of God on Earth!

Subtitle: The “Big Why” Behind our Jesus Tribal Gathering

Romans 12:1-21; 1 Corinthians 12:27-14:1

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tqEoOALX0dQ>

Rock Tribe – Our “Big Why”: to bring all things under Jesus Christ and advance Christ's kingdom on earth. We aspire to be a disciple-making movement that helps each family member to transformation into Christ's likeness. We also aspire to transform our cities, which takes a large unified family group. Both personal and city transformation require a unified, loving, spiritual family/tribe.

Framing the Rock Tribe story and how our Tribal Gatherings are a big part.

God (and therefore the Rock Tribe) is after a Jesus & the Kingdom Movement on earth.

1. God is advancing His kingdom by reforming the Church.
2. He is reforming the Church by inserting key components that have been missing over hundreds of years. These essentials have been “movements”. Here are some recent movements that have re-inserted the importance of the Word & Spirit. Most of the major parachurch ministries and many denominations have come out of this Word – Spirit emphasis: Salvation Army, Campus Crusade (CRU), Navigators, Inner-Varsity, Youth For Christ, Young Life, FCA, World Vision, Four Square, Calvary Chapel, Vineyard, Assembly of God, all Pentecostal denominations.
  - A. Pentecostal movement – 1906 out of Azusa Street.
  - B. Evangelical movement: the authority of the Bible.
  - C. Jesus Movement
  - D. Charismatic Movement
  - E. Third Wave Movement
  - F. Prophetic Movement
  - G. Prayer Movement
3. Now God is adding the “Wineskin” of Family and Tribes. Disciples are made holistically when four major dynamics are integrated and applied: a.) instructional, b.) relational, c.) experiential, d.) spiritual. Biggest missing pieces for transformation have been “relational” and “experiential”. We don't move on from the Word and Spirit. We add the Wineskin of Family.
  - A. Prophetic Words in 80's – God is forming “International Families of Affection”
  - B. These trans-local spiritual families must be: 1.) Grace-based verses law/religion based, 2.) Love-bonded vs fear-bonded, 3.) multi-generational/inter-generational...mature believers discipling younger believers, 4.) interracial, 5.) weak & strong, 6.) poor and rich (socio-economically diverse), 7.) relationally and emotionally intelligent and mature.
  - C. Five-fold ministry leadership – APEST

- D. Disciple-making Movements
  - E. Micro-church planting movements. Church Planting Movements.
  - F. Fathering movement: Promise Keepers.
  - G. Marriage & Family
  - H. Recovery groups and ministries.
  - I. New and powerful resources: Inner-healing/Immanuel Healing (Jesus Focused Healing Prayer), Life Model Works,
  - J. Local church families like Rock Laramie, Rock Family KC need to be a part of a larger spiritual family – a Jesus Tribe.
4. Cultural & City Transformation: When the Spirit-filled, Bible-believing Jesus Movement is given expression through Jesus Tribes (families-of-churches with APEST leaders) then it will have the critical mass and momentum to influence cities. To change beliefs and culture of larger populations, you must have a catalytic change-agent group with a better world-view and culture. It takes a heavenly perspective and atmosphere to influence and change a worldly one.
  5. To transform a person...or a city you need unity around these 8 realities...all summed up in Christ, Christ's Body, Christ's kingdom:
    - a.) Biblical & Kingdom Worldview & Beliefs.
    - b.) Values: Glory of God, Christ & Kingdom, Father & Family, Great Commandments & Great Commission.
    - c.) Belonging & Abiding & Being: Love-Bonds, Group Identity, Personal Identity in Christ. You are my people...I belong to you, you belong to me.
    - d.) Culture: atmosphere and environment of heaven, love, affection, joy. Our individual and corporate "vibe".
    - e.) Mission: our clear assignment derived from our vision.
    - f.) Faith-Grace Goals: clear, specific and definable results which help us fulfill our mission.
    - g.) Strategies: how we are going to reach our goals.
  6. Developing a cradle-to-grave holistic disciple-making movement. Moving people through the five stages of relational, emotional maturity into Christ's likeness.
  7. Why Jesus Tribal Gathering..hosted by the Rock Tribe? To help people create love-bonds, joy-bonds, family-identity...so that we can influence them to be like Jesus. Our Jesus Tribal Gathering is one of our strategies to make disciples and impact cities. We employ all four dynamics of transformation: a.) instructional, b.) relational, c.) experiential, d.) spiritual.  
We are creating golden memories, multi-generational connections, affection glue. We become like the people who love us and who we love.

## Group Identity Definition

Group identity refers to a person's sense of belonging to a particular group. At its core, the concept describes social influence within a group. This influence may be based on some social category or on interpersonal interaction among group members.