

# OUR FOCUS IN 2016

Focus on being followers of Jesus.
Focus on doing this together.
Focus on doing it better.

### The message of Jesus... offends us sometimes.

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#### "Blessed is he who does not take offense at Me."

# 1 Corinthians 1:23

#### "We preach Christ crucified, to Jews a stumbling block and to Gentiles foolishness."

"The greatest obstacle to faith is not the failure of God to act but the unwillingness of the human heart to accept the God who condescends to us in only a carpenter, the son of Mary." James R. Edwards

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#### Richard Lewellyn How Green Was My Valley

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# WHAT'S THE STORY? Jesus can be offensive.

# WHAT'S THE POINT? Don't be offended or offensive. Work harder - Double down - Sow seed.

## WHAT WE HAVE LEARNED ....

# Believe with humility. Show compassion and patience. Work harder.

