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Segue



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Who We Are

Our mission is simple: **transitioning from who we are to who we were created to be.**

There's no doubt that Segue is a journey . . . a process. And though we have a lot yet to learn, there are some principles that help to define who we are and how we live. These are named and described below, but first, here is a brief account of our community:

The Segue leadership team is a small group of people who would, at least in the eyes of the church, be considered missionaries. We were drawn to a unique area in Dallas called Deep Ellum. Initially, it was just one of those times when you know that God is involved in something and you want to be a part of it. As we have built relationships, we have integrated into the neighborhood and have discovered that we are freely welcomed into a well-developed community that is genuinely inclusive and open-minded. We soon realized the people here are extremely honest, greatly appreciate true beauty, and are fully engaged as incubators of creativity.

People involved with Segue come from a wide variety of backgrounds and anyone is welcome to be a part of our gatherings. We gather on a rotating basis in homes, restaurants, art galleries, bars, music venues, etc. The core team is made up of people who regularly participate in our gatherings and are pursuing deep and honest relationships. We are a community of faith that strives to live as Jesus did rather than living by a set of rules and regulations.

Love people like Jesus did.

Jesus invested in people unconditionally. He cared deeply about them and what mattered to them. We aspire to do the

Pray . . .

- to find like minded people to support, encourage, and resource Segue

- for a time of refreshing after a very tough couple of years

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same.

Highly value depth of relationship.

The types of relationships we involve ourselves in demand a long-term commitment. We find it very important to not treat people as “projects” and we are faithful to our friends even if they decide not to follow Jesus. And we intentionally make ourselves transparent and vulnerable so that we can love and understand each other in the deepest way possible.

Celebrate creativity and diversity.

We are committed to including creative people and providing space for the creative process. Accepting people who are creative, enjoy exploring, and appreciate different perspectives is very important to us.

Don't force it.

We believe God is responsible for conviction of sin and for drawing people to himself. Our responsibility is to love fiercely and when the opportunity comes to discuss spiritual things, we do. These things happen organically in the context of trusting friendships.

Pursue your dreams.

A life well lived is one that fulfills the purposes for which it was created. We consistently discuss and celebrate our dreams. We call out the purpose and dreams we see in others and we challenge and encourage each other to take the risks necessary to turn those dreams into reality.

Be open and receptive.

An attitude of humility is key. We know that we don't have all the answers and we also know that, with the right attitude, we can learn a great deal from others.



To learn more about the Deep Ellum neighborhood and the people that we love, check out the newly launched [Deep Ellum Website](#) and/or watch [this video](#) and see if you can spot a few Segue people.

Is God really good? by Kevin Spurgin

It seems clear that we can't base God's goodness on individual circumstances in our lives. Either he's good or he isn't. What does it mean to be good? Does being good mean that you're always nice or that you always behave appropriately? Or does being good have more to do with actually desiring the best for the people you love? What I mean is, if you're truly good to someone you do things on their behalf that are best for them.

When things are really hard (I mean food stamp kind of hard or maybe for you it's abuse kind of hard) is God good or not?... I can't answer these questions for you. All I can do is tell you what I've learned and experienced and then you'll have to take that and mix it with what you've learned and experienced and decide for yourself. I'm way past the days of telling people what to believe. If you don't come to truth in your own way then it won't stick - especially when life is hard.

(To read the entire blog and see what Kevin has "learned and experienced," [click here.](#))

God is good! by Felicia Dunnican

Is God good? Well...that's a question that has been on my mind for the past couple of weeks now. Colby and I were finally expecting our first child after being told it would be next to impossible to conceive without the help of modern medicine..... My family was overjoyed. Colby told everyone he knew. The experience was bringing us closer together and it felt like it was mending and healing parts that had been broken between us over the past few years. God was great!

I rushed into everything, this is my nature. I went on a shopping spree, already had the nursery ready to go at 8 weeks. Every time we went out we bought something for our new addition.

It was shortly after this time that things took an unexpected turn. It was late Thursday night and I realized I had begun bleeding . . .

I was in a state of no opinion and no feeling for some time. For days I didn't question God. I wasn't angry with him. I didn't begin to try to understand him. He honestly didn't cross my mind except when I was explaining to Colby that I didn't want to talk to anyone or see anyone because I didn't want to hear their theories on "This happens for a reason. God has a plan." Now that I think about it, maybe I was a little upset with Him. Still, I had no desire to analyze the situation. I think I was most afraid of feeling let down. Had I asked for too much?

(To read Felicia's full story and hear how she dealt with her anger at

God, [click here.](#))

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