## **Living Life in 2014**

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These are Doug's thoughts for our community as we go forward into a new year. Doug prays for our community daily and deeply considers what God is saying to us.

## Live Light

- Live in the reality and power of the cross. Sin is forgiven, death is defeated.
- We can live *light* with God in 2014, not weighed down by the past or sin baggage we've previously held onto.
- 2 Corinthians 12. 9

# Live Like (Jesus)

- Jesus says "follow me" twenty-three times in the Gospels.
- Matthew 16, 24-26
- There are two basic responses to following Jesus: trust and submission.
- James 1. 7
- John 13.16

#### Live Loud

- Matthew 5. 14-16
- We are not negatively obstinate or bombastic.
- We live clearly the message of Jesus through word and deed.

### Live Love

- 1 Corinthians 13. 3
- John 15. 12
- Our Christian walked must be marked, beyond all else, with love.

# **Discussion Questions**

How did you live in these ways in 2013? Can you share some specific examples about yourself or each other that relate to one of more of these areas?

Do you feel any of these areas correlate with what God has been speaking to you? What has he been saying and calling you into?

What are some immediate steps we can take to live this way this week?