## LINDSEY'S STORY

I have known about Ethos since the beginning. A friend of mine from the Canton area told me about this awesome pastor and his wife who were coming to Columbus to plant a church. So naturally, I followed and read along about Ethos on social media. In my mind, I was not looking for

another, "new church" and all that goes along with the doors just opening. As well as with the season I was in at the time, it did not feel quite right to check out Ethos just yet.

Then came the pandemic. I was a single foster parent to a toddler at the time, and the idea of being able to try out new churches from the comfort of my living room was actually a pretty nice setup. Throughout the pandemic shutdown, I listened to a variety of churches in the area in search of



something different. During that time, various friends of mine connected with Ethos and started calling it home. I truly believe that as I was exploring Ethos online, God was also connecting my friends with Ethos, as a way to bring me in at just the right time. As my foster daughter transitioned to her forever home and in-person gatherings started up again, I knew it was time to give Ethos a try for a fresh start.

As a single female in my mid 30s, finding where you "fit in" is not as easy as one would think. Going into Ethos, I was simply looking for a church that did something different. I couldn't put my finger on what exactly that different was supposed to be, but just different than what I had experienced before. That is exactly what I have found, and more. Digging deeper with current friends, reconnecting with old friends, and the joys of expanding my circle with new connections and friendships has been a welcoming hug from God during this crazy time of a pandemic. My hope and excitement for the future is constantly renewed as Ethos is truly a place that does something different.

# YOUR STORY MATTERS

### **WELCOME TO**

## **ETHOS CHURCH**

No matter where you have been or what you believe, you are welcome here. Our hope is that you would experience the life-changing power of Jesus Christ through dynamic worship music and relevant Bible teaching. Our goal is to help you feel at home in a way that is authentic and inspiring. We are glad you are here and hope you enjoy your time with us. If we can serve you in anyway, text "EthosCare" to 94000.

We believe there are three key steps on your journey of faith:

### TO BE WITH JESUS

This is all about knowing God the Father as He reveals Himself through Jesus, the Son. We believe you can know God personally. Rather than just practicing religion, we strive for you to understand that God wants to have a relationship with you. We are committed to helping all people recognize that more than simply doing things for Jesus, God desires that we first learn to simply be with Jesus.

#### TO BECOME LIKE JESUS

This is all about discovering our identity in Jesus Christ. We all have things from our past that need to be settled once and for all. God's process for you to experience freedom from yesterday is to become more like Jesus today. We are committed to the life-long journey of becoming more and more like the greatest person to ever live, Jesus.

### TO DO WHAT JESUS DID

This is all about living empowered by the Holy Spirit. We are committed to continually asking ourselves the question, "What does love require of me?" The more we are with Jesus and become like Jesus, the more that the answer to this question will lead us to do what Jesus did.

We use the phrase, "follower of Jesus," quite a bit around here, and following Jesus is defined by being with Jesus, becoming like Jesus, and doing what Jesus did. However, this is a lifelong journey and not an overnight destination. It is a journey that requires practice. It is a journey that requires community. It is a journey that we invite you to be a part of with us.

To find out more about how to take your next step or learn more about Ethos, visit us online at EthosOH.com or follow us on social media @Ethos\_OH.

We hope to see you again soon! Jordan & Courtney Smucker Lead Pastors \ Ethos Church