

Engedi Refuge Statement of Faith

Engedi Refuge Ministries is guided by the principles of love and grace as displayed through Jesus. We follow His command to, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind...Love your neighbor as yourself.' (Matthew 22:37-40)

Our core beliefs guide our staff and volunteers as they care for our residents and serve as the foundation for our ministry principles.

- We believe there is one God, who is infinitely perfect, existing eternally in three persons (known as the Trinity): Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
- We believe in the life, death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus as the Son of God, who was both fully Divine and fully human. We believe Jesus is the way, the truth and the life (John 14:6) and the only means to eternal life with God. We are committed to living out his teachings in all that we do.
- We believe the Holy Spirit is a divine Person of the Trinity and was sent to indwell, guide, teach and empower the believer, and to convince the world of sin, of righteousness and of judgment. We rely on the Holy Spirit to transform and guide every aspect of our individual lives and ministry.
- Our beliefs are based on the truthfulness and authority of the entirety of the Old and New Testament Scriptures known as The Bible. We believe The Bible was divinely inspired and is the only written Word of God, that it is without error in all that it affirms, and the only infallible rule of faith and practice. We believe in the power of God's word to accomplish His purpose of salvation. We believe God's revelation in Christ and in Scripture is unchangeable.

Our desire is that each person who comes to Engedi Refuge for help and healing would have a life-changing encounter with Jesus. Therefore, our conversations are full of grace and attractive (Colossians 4:6); a heartfelt overflow of our own personal relationship with God through His Son Jesus and the Spirit at work within us.

It is important to note that while we serve from the above faith perspective, we welcome our residents regardless of their belief system, without requirement or preference. We are careful to never force or coerce a specific faith conversion or belief, trusting the irresistible love of Jesus to draw people to Himself and transform lives in His perfect timing.