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base camp. At an elevation of about 10,000 feet, you get a close-up view that few visitors to the park ever see: hanging glaciers, towering seracs, yawning crevasses, and thundering rockfall as the ridges of ash and breccia high above, melt and crumble in the heat of the sun.

After our hikes we came together for dinner. Meals were prepared by volunteers from the various ministries who were inspired to use their gifts to meet the needs of the group. The meals were a highlight of the weekend with gourmet dishes like blueberries pancakes from scratch, create-your-own omelets, and BBQ tri-tip sandwiches. We digested our delicious meals while we shared stories and experiences of how God had and was moving in our lives. We enjoyed more worship with the help of Ben Sweeny from the University Church of Eugene. Overall it was a night of growing deeper in our friendships and of inspiration as we saw the Holy Spirit in the lives of those around us.

The next morning, after a relaxing fire and breakfast together, we walked to an amphitheater located at the center of the campgrounds and had yet another opportunity to worship and praise God. Our voices filled the arena and drew the campground hosts and other campers in to worship with us. We were blessed to have Richard Medellin of the LA International Church of Christ, lead our hearts in communion and Mick Connors of the Seattle Church of Christ preach a powerful lesson on sanctification.

We concluded the weekend with a traditional group photo:



God truly blessed our time together, and each year seems to get better and better. Our hope is to share our passion and provide an environment for fellowship and worship. God has used these weekends to change lives, make disciples, reach out to our friends and family and grow us in ways we never imagined. Many have stepped up and used their gifts and talents to serve the body of Christ. We are excited to see how God will use this event in future years, and we invite you, brothers and sisters from churches all over the world, to join us as we worship God together on Mount Rainier. Tickets for our 2017 event will be available beginning October 1, 2016.

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Emmanuel Emeh, Lagos, Nigeria — Tuesday, 20 September 2016

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Jack Frederick, Atlanta, GA — Monday, 19 September 2016

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Mt. Rainer Camping Trip: A Growing Yearly Gathering of Singles

Written by Justin Juzwick — Seattle, WA

A few weeks ago, 88 disciples and their friends and family ascended Mt. Rainier, the Pacific Northwest's iconic active volcano, to spend the weekend together at Cougar Rock Campground. The group, comprised mainly of single disciples from various ministries in the region, came from six states (Washington, Oregon, Montana, Utah, California and Colorado) as well as British Columbia, Canada, to worship God together.



What few people know is that this epic weekend had been in the making for years. In 2011 Mike Fassbind and I took a handful of disciples, friends and family up to this mountain for some hiking and fellowship (see photo of the 2012 group at right). It was such a rewarding experience that we decided to invite other disciples and friends from all over the Northwest. Our vision was to build unity among the singles in the Northwest region of churches and to create an opportunity to worship God out in his creation.

The weekend kicked off on Friday night as people rolled in and set up camp with tents and hammocks amidst the buzz of fellowship. We gathered around a large campfire as the evening set, singing hymns and praying together. As the night continued, so did the fellowship, over-roasted s'mores, games, and strolls under the vast canopy of stars.

Various hikes were planned over the weekend, led for all levels of fitness with the signature hike being the trek up to the “Camp Muir”

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• **UPCOMING EVENTS**

2016 Australian Discipleship Summit

Sydney, Australia
September 23-25, 2016

Las Américas Discipleship Summit

Lima, Peru
October 20-23, 2016

2016 Biblical Study Tour

Tel Aviv, Jerusalem, Israel
October 21-31, 2016

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