

Church Planting: What We Plant

Now I make known to you brethren, the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received, in which also you stand, by which you are saved, if you hold fast the word which I preached to you, unless you believed in vain.

For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures.

1 Corinthians 15:1-4

FAITH COMMUNITY CHURCH

OUR MISSION

To magnify God's worth by building a community of gospel-centered people.

The Supremacy of God's Glory

1. In everything God does, His purpose is to preserve and display His glory (Isaiah 48:11; Romans 11:36). There is nothing more valuable to God than Himself.
2. Therefore, as a church, we want to exalt that which is most important to God – Himself. We desire to magnify the extreme worth and value of our God to all people.

The Centrality of God's Gospel

1. In our lives
 - a. How do people come to value and appreciate the worth of God? It is only through His gospel. By the power of God's gospel, we treasure Christ more supremely than our sin. God's gospel allows us to become satisfied in Him!
 - b. Identity restructured on the gospel. A gospel-centered person is not defined by their job, marital status, children, or the approval of people. Their identity, value, meaning, and worth come not from those things, but from their union with Christ.
2. In our church
 - a. Evangelize the lost
 - b. Edify the believer

OUR CORE VALUES

The following are our foundations for building a gospel-centered community. These values shape and define us as a church. They are our particular response to the biblical truths that we embrace.

The Gospel. This is our central foundation from which all others flow. We believe that the grace found in the gospel transforms all things: our lives as individuals, our church, our community, and our world (Romans 1:16). *Implication: All of our ministries will be gospel driven.*

The Church. God's gospel creates a new community in order to fulfill His redemptive purposes (Matthew 28:18-20). *Implication: We will be a church that plants churches.*

Expositional Preaching. God's gospel is authoritatively announced in Scripture (2 Timothy 3:15). *Implication: We will preach and teach the whole counsel of God in a way that is relevant to our cultural context.*

Christ Exalting Worship. The glory of God is revealed in the Christ of His gospel (2 Corinthians 4:3-6; Hebrews 1:1-4). *Implication: In our pluralistic age, the content of our songs will be theologically sound, and the object of our worship (Jesus Christ) will be clearly identified. As such, we will only select and sing songs that meet those criteria. This core value allows us to use songs from both the past and present.*

Authentic Community. Believing God's gospel means you belong both to God and His people (1 Peter 2:9-10). *Implication: We will encourage everyone to attend our worship services, participate in a community group, and serve on a ministry team.*

Biblical Manhood and Womanhood. The God ordained roles of men and women brings honor to God's gospel (Ephesians 5:22-33; Titus 2:5). *Implication: We will embrace, teach, and celebrate the distinct God-given roles between men and women.*

The Family. God has entrusted parents with the responsibility to train and nurture their children with the truth of the gospel (Ephesians 6:1-4; 2 Timothy 3:14-15). *Implication: We will invest in the God-ordained institution of family as the primary way to evangelize and disciple children and youth.*

Outward Focus. God's gospel calls us to look out for the interests of others, rather than just our own (Philippians 2:1-4). *Implication: We reject an "us vs. them" mentality regarding non-Christians, and instead promote a culture where Christians can say, "This is the place to bring my non-Christian friends. This is what they need to hear, and how they need to hear it."*

Fervent Prayer. Those who believe God's gospel are commanded to pray (Romans 12:12; 1 Thessalonians 5:17). *Implication: Prayer will have a prominent role in all that we do.*

Local Outreach. God's gospel calls us into a ministry of reconciliation (2 Corinthians 5:17-21). *Implication: We will aggressively reach our community with the gospel.*

HOW WE WILL ACCOMPLISH OUR MISSION

So how do we build this gospel-centered community? God has given us three means to accomplish our mission: Sunday worship service, community groups, and ministry teams.

Sunday Worship Service – A corporate gathering of the church to exalt Jesus Christ through song, hear the Scriptures read and preached, and celebrate our shared faith.

Community Groups – Groups of 5 to 20 people (adults and children) who journey together in the hope of Christ and are transformed by the gospel through discussion, Bible study, and fellowship.

Ministry Teams – Teams of people who advance the work of the gospel by serving one another and our community.