



Living the Gospel together

## **VISION:**

**1. WORSHIP:** *We are worshipers. We are created as instruments of worship intended to behold the glory of God and praise the name of Jesus. Therefore, our greatest joy comes when we do what we were created for: worship Jesus. We worship through song, gratitude, prayer, and the way we live our lives. As a community, this means we worship together and encourage one another to “proclaim the excellencies” of Jesus. Our life together is a proclamation of the gospel of Jesus Christ and a corporate act of worship.*

**2. COMMUNITY:** *We are the body of Christ created in the image of God, who exist in community. The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit have eternally existed in relationship with one another as one God three persons. God is a relational being who created us as relational beings so that we could image Him. As a community, this means that we are to reflect the goodness of God and preach the gospel through our lives together. This means loving one another, forgiving one another as Christ forgave us, calling one another to confession and repentance for the purpose of reconciliation, and challenging one another to lives that glorify God.*

**3. MISSION:** *We are missionaries created in the image of a sent and sending God. God sent His son, Jesus, into human history to reconcile Himself to us. God is in the business of gathering more worshipers to Himself. As His disciples, our mission is to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus so that more image bearers would come to a saving faith and worship God. As a community, we are called to live lives together that reflect God’s goodness, mercy, and grace, showing the world around us the saving and transforming love and power of Jesus Christ! Therefore, we are called to live our lives intentionally and missionally, not only loving our brothers and sisters, but also engaging with and loving our neighbors. We do this because we are commanded to, and so that hopefully our neighbors will see the glory of God being lived out in our lives, stirring their hearts to answer God’s call for their own salvation.*

## **HOW THIS HAPPENS:**

1. Take ownership of your group, community, church and the mission of Jesus!

*Ownership is marked by joy-filled sacrifice that sees kingdom work as a “get to” because of what Christ has done, rather than a “got to” out of Christian duty. Ownership looks like people serving the church and the city with a passion for the gospel. It looks like people cheerfully and sacrificially giving out of love for Jesus to see the work of the gospel move forward. Ownership looks like people participating in the messiness of community and being inconvenienced for the sake of another’s sanctification. If we*

*want to be a missional church that sees the lives in our cities transformed by the gospel, we must foster a holy discontentment with the status quo and resist apathy toward God's mission. –Brad House*

2. Be consistent: With the day, time and place you meet, regularly communicating to your group.
3. Live the Gospel with them: do more than just study! Share your life with each other. Plan to do activities outside of group time. Serve the community together.
4. Strive to incorporate that the following is taking place.
  1. Bible Study
  2. Confession & repentance
  3. Acts of worship
  4. Prayer
  5. Hospitality
  6. Exercise of spiritual gifts
  7. Mission

## **EXPECTATIONS OF OUR LEADERS:**

1. To shepherd: To care, to teach for and to model a worshipful life unto Jesus. Leaders must truly care for the spiritual growth of their group.
2. To be missional: Leaders are expected to be engaged with the community and desire to see people meet Jesus. This means the group is committed to getting out and interacting with neighbors and knowing our town!
3. Administrative: Leaders need to be able organize and plan
4. To be familiar with and model 1Timothy 3:1-13
5. To attend and to actively participate in quarterly community group meetings and trainings.