

VISION (WHAT):

A people inspired to live by the ancient Text, living in the present context, while composing future textures.

In this vision statement we are declaring that we are a people committed to getting to the “roots” of our faith through the Biblical text, both Old and New Testament. We are affirming that through this journey of exploring our roots we find the inspiration to live it out today, in the present. We find ourselves in this ancient story and it inspires us to become an active part with Jesus in actively reconciling the world. As we take part in the first two dimensions of the past and the present we find ourselves naturally creating a future. We don't believe the future just happens, but we create a future that is firmly rooted in the Bible. Ultimately Jesus wins!

MISSION (HOW)

To bring heaven to earth (Matthew 6:10) by living in the tension (Acts 17:16-34) of our Culture colliding with the Kingdom of God (Revelation 21:1-3, Matthew 22:37-40).

We so desperately desire to bring God's space into our space, and we believe that through Jesus and being a follower of Him He calls us to do just that. We will attempt to bring our postmodern culture into a collision with God's Kingdom. He calls us to be in the world, but just not of it

PURPOSE (WHO)

We define ourselves as “talmidim” (Hebrew for “disciples). Disciples who not only hunger to know what Jesus knows but to become like Him in every way.

Jesus calls us to follow. We believe He calls us to a blessed life through hungering and thirsting for Him and His righteousness (Matthew 5:6). That somewhere underneath all the traditions, upbringings, and baggage that we have created is the Truth, and when we find it, it will set us free. Not only do we hunger to know, but to become like Jesus also through our actions (John 14:12). We can know all the Truth, but if we don't do it then our search for it is in vain. Jesus changed the world and calls us as His followers to continue changing until He returns.

TACTIC (WHERE)

We encourage each member of our community to serve wherever the Lord plants him/her. As a body we have been called to serve our community in such a way that lives are made better by our presence here. “Blessed to be a blessing” (Genesis 12:2-3).

As heirs of Abraham's promise (Galatians 3:29) we believe that as God has blessed us that we should be a blessing to everyone we come in contact with. We are called to serve where God has planted us now, first in “our Jerusalem” and “do” missions right here in our backyard. We feel we are here to bless South Dayton and are a gift to the community through serving them, helping them, feeding them, clothing them, offering them hope through Jesus, etc.

PHILOSOPHY (WHY)

Jeremiah 6:16--“Stand at the crossroads and look; ask for the ancient paths, ask where the good way is, and walk in it, and you will find rest for your souls.

Stand--Exploring the narrative story of the Bible and see where we fit into it.

Look--Searching through our Hebraic roots of our faith.

Ask--We believe the way we find answers is by asking questions. Many times we will answer questions with questions.

Walk--Teshuvah/Halacha...these are Hebrew words for repentance and walking. Teshuvah means to return and halacha means to walk according to God's Word and hitting the mark in life.

Find--Shalom, peace, wholeness, completeness and oneness with self through Jesus the Messiah.

Strategy (When)

We desire to be a community actively seeking opportunities to affect people's lives both now and in the future. Our hope: If we were no longer here, the city would protest (Matthew 10:7, 8)

We want to actively use the imagination and creativity that God has blessed us with to create an environment of transformation whether it is through events, ministries, or community opportunities. If we were to move or close our doors the city would grieve because we have done so much good.

INFRASTRUCTURE BROCHURE

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PARADOX ECCLESIOLOGY

The structure is rooted in Biblical theology,
not secular organizational theory

The church labors to be as culturally accessi-
ble to lost people as possible

The church has leaders but is not organized
by hierarchy

Pastoral Staff (Elders) is the spiritual author-
ity, guides the direction of the church, and
equips members based on the vision.

Deacons are responsible for creating budgets
submitted to them by Pastoral team and dis-
tribution of money

The Covenant Community are those who are
committed to advancing the Kingdom in our
culture through serving, giving, praying, and
giving of their time.

It is broken down into six parts in which we
call the "cube" with vision being on top and
everything coming from the vision. While the
vision hangs on to The Greatest Command-
ment Jesus gives in Mark 12:29-31--The
Shema.

INFRASTRUCTURE BREAKDOWN

From the top we build a vision statement: It
will focus on the "What."

"How"- Mission

"Who"- Purpose

"Where"- Tactic

"Why"- Philosophy

"When"- Strategy

All ministries will be fully empowered, but all
operate under these principles that will bring
unity towards accomplishing the same vision.

These principles act as boundaries that en-
ables the ministries to "run free" within the
boundaries.