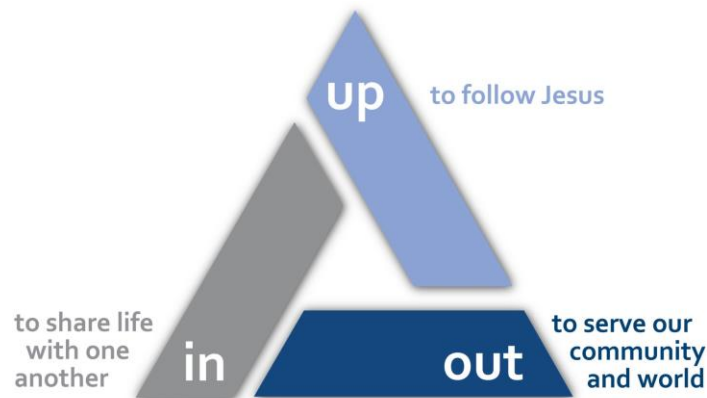




Mission Markers



Up | to follow Jesus

Centrality of the Word of God (2 Timothy 3:16)

- We believe that the Bible is the only perfect rule for faith, doctrine and conduct
- Our preaching and teaching in all settings reflects careful preparation, relevance and creativity
- Our people are equipped and growing in their ability to study and apply Biblical truth to their lives

Heartfelt prayer and worship (Psalm 138:1; John 4:23)

- We exalt and celebrate God for who he is, what he has done, what he is doing, and what he will do
- Prayer saturates the church with the presence and grace of God as he heals, forgives, provides, and loves
- Worship reflects prayerful preparation that responds to God through adoration, praise, contrition, confession, lament, thanks, supplication and commitment
- People leave our worship gatherings knowing more about the heart of God and about their own hearts

Life transforming walk with Jesus (John 3:3,30; Philippians 1:6)

- We teach our people how to be attentive to Christ in all circumstances
- Our people understand the radical nature of the message and mission of Jesus that continually deconstructs and reconstructs a person's life into Christ's likeness
- Our people are equipped to use a variety of spiritual growth resources, experiences and settings to encourage and refine one another

Sacrificial and generous living and giving (Romans 12:1-8; 2 Corinthians 8:3-9)

- We help people discover, develop and deploy their spiritual gifts
- We regularly, graciously, and unapologetically teach on the importance of financial stewardship in the spiritual growth of a Christian
- We choose to give ourselves and our resources for the good of our community and the world

In | to share life with one another

Compelling Christian community (Acts 2:42-47)

- We understand that our love for one another is a powerful testimony to the deity of Jesus
- We love each other as we are, not as we should be
- We share life together beyond our worship gatherings, holding each other accountable to Godly living

Culture of Godly leadership (Hebrews 13:7)

- Our leaders at all levels serve with character, competence, and conviction
- A spirit of unity pervades, with our people trusting our leaders and our leaders trusting our people
- We continually identify and train Godly leaders for all dimensions of our ministry

Fruitful organizational structures (Exodus 18:13-26; Acts 6:1-7)

- We can articulate a compelling, Christ-honoring vision for our church
- We embrace evaluation, reflection, and change and work through conflict constructively
- Our organizational structures are designed to be effective at making decisions while at the same time building congregational ownership for these decisions

Out | to serve our community and world

Intentional evangelism (Matthew 28:18-20)

- We are burdened for the spiritual condition of those who do not yet know Christ
- We have identifiable pathways for evangelism to take place in our ministries
- Our people are equipped and growing in their ability to build spiritual friendships and know how to share their faith as God-birthed opportunities arise

Transforming communities through compassion, mercy and justice (Micah 6:8)

- We are burdened for the hurting people in our community
- We have identified pathways for compassion, mercy and justice ministries to take place
- Our people are equipped and growing in their ability to see and address the hurts and causes of hurt in our community

Global perspective and engagement (Acts 1:8)

- We raise the sights of our members beyond our congregation and community by developing a Kingdom worldview and often pray for and reference global matters
- We have identifiable pathways to support the cause of Christ globally
- Our people are equipped and growing in their ability to participate in the global dimensions of our ministry

