



# **CHURCH PLANTING CORE PRINCIPLES**

# CENTRALITY OF THE WORD OF GOD

## 2<sup>ND</sup> 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 in ways that lead to a **scripturally integrated life.**

# TRANSFORMING WALK WITH JESUS)

## JOHN 3.3 & 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.
- ✓ Our people are **equipped** and **growing** in their ability to use a variety of spiritual growth **resources, experiences, and settings.**

# 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. AKA “**Divine Appointments**”

# TRANSFORMATIONAL COMMUNITIES)

## MICAH 6.8

- ✓ We are **burdened** for the hurting people in our community and beyond.
- ✓ We have identifiable 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 the causes of hurt in our community and beyond.

# GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE AND ENGAGEMENT

ACTS 1.8

- ✓ We raise the sights of our members **beyond our congregation** and community by developing a **Biblical worldview** and often pray for and interact with 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.

# **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 the worship service.

# HEARTFELT WORSHIP

PSALM 138 & 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**.
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# GENEROUS LIVING AND GIVING

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# CULTURE OF GODLY LEADERSHIP

## HEBREWS 13.7

- ✓ Our leaders at all levels serve with **character, competence, and conviction.**
- ✓ A spirit of collegiality 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 His church.
- ✓ We embrace evaluation as **normal and natural**; and we work through conflict **constructively**.
- ✓ Our organizational structures are designed to be **efficient** at making decisions while at the same time building **congregational ownership** for those decisions.