

Harvest Fellowship

Our Mission/Purpose:

For God's glory and by His grace, Harvest Fellowship exists to make disciples of Jesus Christ who are growing in their love of God, their love of people and their commitment to helping others grow as disciples.

Core Values:

1. Christ-focused, gospel-centered, grace-driven (1 Corinthians 2:2; 2 Corinthians 3:4-6; 4:5-7; Galatians 2:20; Hebrews 12:1-2)

The gospel of grace defines, guides, and drives all that we do as a church. Making disciples is about growth and transformation and those happen only the gospel of grace in the power of the Holy Spirit as he magnifies Christ in our lives.

2. Relational: Life-on-life (Proverbs 27:17; Hebrews 3:12-13; 10:24-25) We are relationally focused, not program focused. Spiritual growth happens in the context of relationship (with God and with others); we need each other and are called to serve each other and to walk alongside each other.

3. Outward facing (Genesis 12:1-2; Matthew 5:13-1; 28:18-20; Acts 1:8; 2 Corinthians 5:14-21) We are to live redemptively in and before a watching world. God has blessed us so that we may be a blessing to those who are not yet a part of our church family.

4. Intentional (Joshua 24:13-27; 1 Corinthians 9:19-27; 1 Timothy 4:7b) We are to be intentional about everything we do. The transformation of hearts, minds, lives, churches, and communities does not happen passively or by chance.

5. Prayerfully dependent (John 15:4-16; 1 Thessalonians 5:17) We can do nothing of real consequence or eternal value apart from Christ. Prayer (which is a declaration of our dependence upon God) is a necessary and foundational element in all we do and in every aspect of our lives.

Profile of a Disciple

A disciple is a follower of Jesus who, through a transforming relationship with Christ and His Church, has a growing love of God, love of people and commitment to helping others grow as disciples.

A. Loving God

1. Having God's glory as one's primary motivation. 1 Cor 10:31
2. Surrendering to Christ as Savior and Lord in all areas of life. Luke 14:25-27, 33
3. Living out of a confidence in the gospel of grace. Eph 3:12; Phil 3:8-9; Heb 10:19-22
4. Feeding upon and abiding in God's Word and applying it to all areas of life. John 8:31-32; James 1:22-25
5. Engaging regularly in worship. Luke 4:8; John 4:24
6. Living in continual dependence upon the Lord. John 15:4-5
7. Praying—both privately and with others. John 15:7; Eph 6:18
8. Practicing repentance as a lifestyle. 2 Cor 7:10
9. Living with an eternal perspective. Rev 1:7; Rev. 21-22

B. Loving People

1. Living in authentic community with God's people; identifying with and serving other believers. John 13:34-35; Gal 5:13; 6:9-10
2. Living among and serving those who are not yet disciples. Matt 4:19; 5:16
3. Seeking to redeem the surrounding culture rather than retreat from it. John 17:14-19
4. Bearing the fruit of the Spirit. Gal 5:22-23
5. Developing a lifestyle of generosity. Matt 6:19-21; Acts 4:32-27
6. Committing to biblical peacemaking. Matt 5:9
7. Practicing forgiveness. Luke 17:3-4; Col 3:13

C. Making Disciples

1. Sharing the gospel with those who do not yet know Jesus as Lord and Savior. Rom 10:14-17
2. Using one's gifts (time, talents and treasures) in helping others grow as disciples of Jesus. Eph 4:11-16