

## Who? What? How?

### Core Commitments of Intown Community Church

#### Week 2: We are a missional church

Today's Goal: *to experience deep, supernatural change as God aligns our sense of calling with the purpose to which he calls his church.*

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**"The only true happiness comes from squandering ourselves for a purpose."**

William Cowper

**Definition:** To say that the church is missional means that God has a purpose for the world, and he equips and calls his church to accomplish that purpose.

#### What is the mission of the church—the purpose for which we are equipped and called?



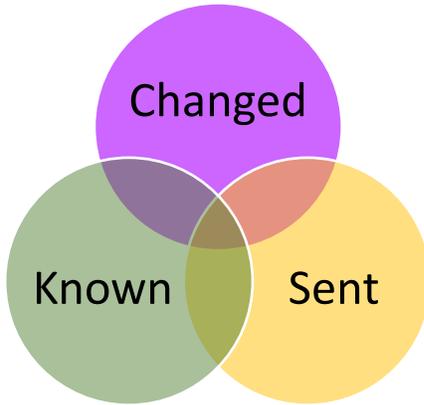
Traditional summary: the church has a three-fold mission\*

- *Devoting ourselves to God in a relationship of love and worship*
- *Devoting ourselves to each other through a life of mutual love, submission, and service*
- *Devoting ourselves to love of neighbor, pursuing the good of God's image-bearers in all of creation*

\*For biblical roots of this three-fold mission, see Galatians 4:6-9; 5:13-14; and 6:10.

*Loving our community to life by pursuing gospel restoration*

## What does it mean for this church—Intown—to be missional?



Intown is committed to growing in ways that reflect this three-fold calling:

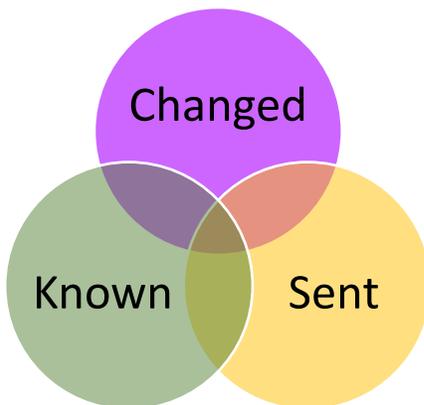
- *Changed*: we want to actively pursue life-changing encounters with God and the power of his grace.
- *Known*: we want to actively pursue authentic, caring relationships.
- *Sent*: we want to actively pursue opportunities to take part in God's mission of gospel restoration.

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**"I am here for a purpose and that purpose is to grow into a mountain, not to shrink to a grain of sand."**

Og Mandino

## How does this understanding of our mission help us connect with our community?



How do people around you show:

- *Changed*: ...that they want to grow, to become more mature, to experience life-changing joy and wonder?
- *Known*: ...that they want to belong, to be understood, to love and be loved?
- *Sent*: ...that they want to be part of something bigger, to make a difference, have impact?

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