

**Freshwater Church exists** to be a church that is making disciples by leading the people of our community and world into a totally committed relationship with Jesus Christ. What, you might ask, is a 'disciple' of Jesus Christ, and why is it so important that Freshwater be about the business of helping people become disciples? We believe that a simple way of describing a disciple of Jesus is to say that it includes one that is following Jesus. Of course, even for those people who are already following Jesus in their life, we all fall short of the true expectation of what it means to be a follower of Christ. In other words, we are all a 'work in progress' and are in need of the constant reminder of Jesus and his sacrifice for our sins. When Jesus called his first disciples, he said to them "Follow me..." (Matthew 4:19). Jesus later told his followers to go and help others to follow Him (Matthew 28:19-20). Freshwater exists to do exactly what Jesus has called us to do: make followers of Jesus.

**Our desire** is for Freshwater Church to live out that mission in the Southern Jefferson City area in such a way that our city, the surrounding areas (Wardsville, etc.), and the world are impacted with the story of Jesus Christ. We long to see more and more people come to know Jesus. We long to see those that are already following Jesus to live a life of total-commitment to Christ. We want disciples to multiply and make other disciples. We desire our Life Groups to multiply as they live out the mission of Freshwater in their homes and workplaces. We desire to see churches planted and nurtured in central Missouri and Puebla, Mexico as well as wherever else the Lord may lead us. As this mission is realized, we see...

- people **connecting** with God through genuine worship, as God meets them and works in the hearts of his people
- people continually becoming more like Jesus, as the Holy Spirit shapes us into the image of our Savior through **spiritual formation**
- people coming together in a welcoming, caring, non-judgmental environment in which all people have an opportunity to seek God together in **Biblical Community**
- a church that is mobilized for ministry, where all people are encouraged to take the position of a missionary as we work together to **advance the gospel**

**We make disciples** through **Connection, Spiritual Formation, Community, and Gospel Advancement**---all of these until our King returns.