



TEAM:

We believe we are better together. What the Spirit does in the earth He leads with the agency of the Church, and the Church though one, is many beautiful parts. We aren't designed to do life alone; where we are weak others are strong. Where someone else is weak, we may have a gift of strength to help them along the journey.

By yourself you're unprotected.
With a friend you can face the worst.
Can you round up a third?
A three-stranded rope isn't easily snapped. – Ecc. 4:12, MSG

"You can easily enough see how this kind of thing works by looking no further than your own body. Your body has many parts—limbs, organs, cells—but no matter how many parts you can name, you're still one body. It's exactly the same with Christ." – 1 Cor. 12:12, MSG

SAFETY:

We believe in and protect mental, emotional, physical and spiritual safety. Jesus was safe. Why were tax collectors, fisherman, adulterers, zealots, noblemen, soldiers, children and the elderly attracted to Jesus? Because He was mentally, emotionally, physically and spiritually safe.

EXCELLENCE:

We do the very best we can with what we have in all we do. Excellence is less about what we have and more an attitude of the soul. Excellence is a way of life in the Kingdom beginning with the believer and moving out to the larger community, and it always asks the question, "can we do better with what we have?". Excellence ignites a culture of innovation as we seek new and creative ways to communicate the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. – Phil. 4:8, ESV

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. – 2 Cor. 8:7, ESV

RELATIONSHIP ABOVE DIFFERENCE:

Differences are a designed blessing by God to edify the Body of Christ and we are hard-wired for relationship despite these differences. Unity is not sameness, it is distinctiveness moving in the same direction. Jesus intentionally invited a disparate community of people onto his team- fishermen, brothers, tax collectors, zealots- and fostered relationship with them amidst their vast differences. When we encounter conflict we pursue reconciliation and relationship according to Matthew 18.

GENEROSITY:

We believe in irrational generosity. Jesus was irrationally generous even to the point of laying down His life for us. We give generously of our time, our money, our giftings, our love, our forgiveness and so much more! There are very few times we look more like Jesus than when we live generously.

"For God so loved the world that he gave His one and only Son..." – John 3:16, NIV

PLANTING CHURCHES:

We believe planting churches is the most effective way to reach communities with the Good News of Jesus Christ. Whatever Christ does in the earth He leads through the local Church first. We set aside money each month toward future church plants and give monthly to our partner church-planting organization.

Church planting is essential. Without it Christianity will continue to decline in North America. – Ed Stetzer, Planting Missional Churches

SIMPLICITY: We believe less is more most times. Life is complicated but the Gospel is simple- it consists of the irrational love of Jesus, a bloody cross and an empty tomb. Simplicity means we are strategic in what we say 'no' to, and what we say 'yes' to. Simplicity is hard work, takes planning and a lot of prayer. Like excellence, simplicity ignites a culture of innovation as we strive to find creative ways to advance the kingdom with less. We work to keep our schedule simple, our message simple, our services simple, and our worship simple.

Just say a simple, 'Yes, I will,' or 'No, I won't.' Anything beyond this is from the evil one. – Matthew 5:37

This is your Father you are dealing with, and he knows better than you what you need. With a God like this loving you, you can pray very simply. – Matthew 6: 8, MSG