



Who We Are

In Matthew 22:34-40 Jesus summarizes two basic commands: Love God and love others. Both of these commands exist under God's love for us as demonstrated in Christ's death, burial, and resurrection. Loving God draws us deeper into relationship with the One Who redeemed us, establishing us in an unwavering faith in His character and a certain hope in His promises. By loving others, we express to the world God's love for them – we become the hands, feet, and voice of Christ in His ministry of reconciliation.

As imperfect people, saved by grace and rooted in Christ, we seek to imitate Jesus by loving God and loving others. We believe every member is equipped by the Holy Spirit to grow in the following core competencies, which define who we are and set the agenda for our ministry focus:

Love God

In His Word

We will love God by daily growing in our obedience and submission, corporately and individually, to His inspired, inerrant and infallible written Word.

- Identify that we are under the authority of God's Word in every area of our life.
- Understand that to know God's Word fully, we need to study it carefully and obey it rigorously.
- Develop a regular habit of studying God's Word on our own and with other believers.

In Prayer

We will love God by devoting ourselves, corporately and individually, to daily communicating with God in light of who He is and what He has done according to His Word.

- Identify as God's children who need to pray, privately and alongside others.
- Understand that as we pray, we are not changing God's mind about circumstances, but allowing Him to align our thoughts with His.
- Develop a regular private prayer habit that incorporates praising God for who He is, repenting of sin, giving thanks for His blessings, and humbly asking for His provision.

In Our Witness

We will love God by actively telling others the Good News of Jesus Christ according to His Word and sharing our testimony of salvation by grace.

- Identify evangelism as a command of Scripture, both of the church corporately and of each believer personally.
- Understand the Good News of salvation by grace alone through faith alone in Christ alone.
- Develop a clear and simple gospel outline, with personal testimony, that can be shared at any time -- then go share it.

In Our Worship

We will love God in spirit and truth by exalting and praising Him in everything that we do both corporately and individually.

- Identify the Triune God as the highest priority of our lives.
- Understand that everything we do should be an act of worship in response to God's love for us and an expression of our love for Him.
- Develop a regular habit of worship, through private devotion and in church gatherings.

Love Others

Through Church Community

We will love others through intentional relationships for encouragement, accountability, and holiness both corporately and individually.

- Identify as a member of the covenant body of Christ, that is, the church.
- Understand the biblical commands for loving one another and their implications for my life.
- Develop a regular habit of meeting with other believers for the specific purpose of mutual spiritual growth and accountability.

Through Our Ministry

We will love others by using our God-given gifts to advance the church's mission and meet spiritual, physical and emotional needs.

- Identify as servants, following in the footsteps of our Lord.
- Understand my own spiritual gift(s) and my indispensable role as a part of the body of Christ.
- Develop a regular habit of serving the church, by using my spiritual gift(s) for the glory of God, and the good of others.

Through Our Generosity

We will love others and follow the example of Christ by joyfully denying self, with open hands putting others' needs ahead of our own.

- Identify as a cheerful steward, and never an owner, of my time, talent and treasure.
- Understand that biblically, giving is both a command and a privilege, and should be done joyfully.
- Develop a regular habit of sacrificially giving through my church in order to advance God's kingdom agenda.

While On Mission

We will love others by intentionally and sacrificially engaging our communities and the world with the Gospel.

- Identify my responsibility as a Christian to make disciples among all nations.
- Understand that God's heart is for all peoples to worship Him, from every tribe, tongue and nation.
- Develop a plan to be involved in the church's cross-cultural missions efforts by praying, giving, and going to support the mission of God both near and far.