



The Journey: An Intersection of God's Mission and Your Story

Our walk with Christ as individuals, and as a church, is a journey. Four questions must be asked of every Christ follower and every Christ following church...

1. What are the VALUE's that define why we exist?
2. What is the VISION that informs where we are going?
3. How does our MISSION direct the actions we will take along the way?
4. What specific METHODS will we use to ensure we arrive at our intended destination?

The answer to these questions will put us well on our way to becoming individuals and a church that honors, glorifies, and proclaims our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. Below is our prayer bathed attempt to do just that.

VALUES:

Our core values speak to why we exist as a church. They speak to why we get up and gather together as well as scattering abroad in the community throughout the week.

I. The Glory of God – Our Highest Aim (Psalm 96:3; 1 Cor. 10:31)

Our primary reason for existing as a church is to draw attention to God in all His greatness. This is our ultimate passion. We long to see God's supremacy recognized and demonstrated in our lives and in the lives of all people. We will seek to be God-centered in everything we do.

II. The Functional Centrality of the Gospel – A Gospel Culture (Rom. 1:16; Eph. 2:4-5)

Our personal appreciation for the gospel will manifest itself in lives marked by pronounced joyfulness, evident humility, uncommon generosity and an abiding personal assurance of God's love.

III. Whole-Hearted Love for God (Mark 12:30)

As a result of our personal experience of God's love through the gospel, we eagerly seek to obey the first and greatest commandment - to love the Lord with all our heart, soul, mind and strength.

IV. Grace-Motivated Progressive Sanctification (Phil. 1:6; 2 Peter 3:18)

While Christians have been declared righteous before God on the basis of their faith in Christ's death for their sins, it is God's purpose to also make them more righteous as Christ is righteous. Our thankfulness for God's saving grace motivates us to eagerly and intentionally cooperate in the life-long process of being made more like Jesus Christ.

V. The Importance and Profitability of Sound Doctrine (1 Tim. 4:16; 2 Tim. 3:16-17)

We treasure the Bible as God's inspired Word and gladly submit to its authority. We not only believe that the Bible is the completely true and trustworthy Word of God, we also believe God gave it to us for the express purpose of shaping our thinking and our behavior.

VI. The Active Presence and Ministry of the Holy Spirit (Gal. 5:22-25)

At CBC we earnestly desire and actively pursue the dynamic ministry of the Holy Spirit in our midst.

VII. Growing Relationships Within the Local Church (Eph. 4:16; Rom. 12:10-13)

We are deeply committed to the local church as the principal place where God is working out his purpose in the world and in people's lives. We believe that active participation in a local church is not just useful but essential for the spiritual growth of individual Christians.

VIII. Commitment to Faithfully Pass the Gospel on to Others (Matt. 5:16; 1 Peter 3:15)

CBC is committed to the advancing of the Gospel in our homes, in our community and in the world.

VISION:

While our values tell us *why* we are going on a particular journey, our vision speaks to *where* we want to go as a church.

CBC's vision is as follows...

"To produce vibrantly growing followers of Jesus at CBC, in our community, and beyond."

MISSION:

Now that we understand why we are on the journey we are on and exactly where we are going on this journey we can answer what vehicle we get into in order to get us there.

Our prayer bathed mission for CBC is as follows:

"Building up the Body and reaching out to neighbors and nations."

METHODS:

We can now answer the question of what map we will follow to get us to our intended destination. Our prayer bathed methods (map we will follow) are as follows...

Method #1 – ***Worship*** God (Mark 12:30)

Our worship of God is to be a lifestyle, but also must be targeted or it simply won't happen. Targeted worship needs to be our first and foremost priority at both the corporate and personal levels.

Method #2 – ***Equip*** Yourself and Others (2 Tim. 3:16-17; 1 Peter 3:15)

This takes places through constant growth in the areas of biblical studies, apologetics/evangelism, Christian life, and ministry through reading, studying, prayer, journaling, memorizing, etc.

Method #3 – ***Connect*** with Fellow Believers (Acts 2:42-47)

We were created to connect with others in community as can be seen at the outset of Genesis when God said, *"It is not good for man to be alone."*

Method #4 – ***Sharing*** the Gospel with the Lost (Matt. 28:16-20)

Since we seek to imitate Jesus, and Jesus' mission was to make disciples by saving the lost and growing them to maturity our mission must be the same.

Method #5 – ***Serve*** Everyone (John 13:1-20)

We are called to serve everyone we meet first and foremost because that's what the Lord Jesus did.