

OUR CORE MISSION

VISION 2015: NORTH PARK BAPTIST CHURCH

SERIES PART TWO: GROW

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REVIEW OF: WHY DO WE GATHER?

THE BASIC ELEMENTS – MATT. 28:19-20; ACTS 2:37-47, 20:32-35; 1 CORINTHIANS 11:23-26; 2 CORINTHIANS 9:6-15; GALATIANS 6:6-10; EPHESIANS 4:11-16; PHILIPPIANS 4:15-19; COLOSSIANS 3:11-17; 1 TIM. 4:13; 5:17-18; 2 TIMOTHY 4:1-2; HEBREWS 10:23-25:

1. _____
2. _____
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4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____

Q: HOW DO WE GROW AS GOD'S PEOPLE?

THE COMMAND: COLOSSIANS 2:6-7

1) **BY** _____ **CHRIST'S MISSION FOR HIS CHURCH:** _____ (MATTHEW 28:19-20)

- A. BY _____.
- B. BY _____.
- C. BY _____ (CF. 1 PETER 2:1-3)

2) **BY** _____ **CHRIST'S BODY LIKE YOU** _____ **CHRIST.** (1 CORINTHIANS 12:12-27; CF. 8:12; 6:15)

- A. KEY IDEA #1: THE WAY WE _____ EACH MEMBER OF CHRIST'S CHURCH IS THE WAY WE'RE _____ CHRIST.
- B. KEY IDEA #2: GOD'S PEOPLE DO NOT GROW IN _____ SPIRITUALITY BUT IN _____ CHRIST-CENTERED _____.

3) **BY LIVING ON MISSION IN AUTHENTIC COMMUNITY.** (ROMANS 12:1-8; 1 CORINTHIANS 12:1-14:40; EPHESIANS 2:19-22; 4:1-16; HEBREWS 10:23-25; COL. 3:11-17)

- A. EXAMPLES RIGHT NOW?

SO WHAT?

- **WHEN WE** _____ **IS WHEN WE** _____ (PROGRESSIVE SANCTIFICATION). (CF. COL. 2:6-7)
- **WHEN WE** _____ **IS WHEN WE** _____.

OUR MISSION [THE WHAT]: MULTIPLYING AND MATURING FOLLOWERS OF JESUS.

OUR VISION [THE HOW]: GATHER. GROW. GO.

- ***GATHERING*** TO GLORY IN GOD THROUGH COLLECTIVE WORSHIP.
- ***GROWING*** IN THE GRACE OF GOD THROUGH AUTHENTIC COMMUNITY.
- ***GOING*** OUT WITH THE GOSPEL OF GOD THROUGH MISSIONAL ACTION.

A QUOTE FROM THE PAST:

If I had never joined a church till I had found one that was perfect, I should never have joined one at all; and the moment I did join it, if I had found one, I should have spoiled it, for it would not have been a perfect church after I had become a member of it. Still, imperfect as it is, it is the dearest place on earth to us." – Charles Spurgeon

THEOLOGICAL UNDERGIRDING FOR MISSION STATEMENT:

Our central philosophy for church ministry centers around three key responses to God's saving grace:

1. Celebration: We gather together in truth, unity, and love to worship the risen and exalted Jesus Christ through the preaching, teaching, and public reading of God's Word, prayer, giving, singing, and celebration of the ordinances: communion and baptism. (Acts 2:37-47; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; Colossians 3:11-17; 1 Timothy 4:13; Hebrews 10:23-25)
2. Formation: We grow to become more like our Savior Jesus Christ, both collectively and individually, through the Word of God by the work of the Spirit in progressive sanctification. (John 17:13-26; Romans 12:1-8; Ephesians 2:11-22; 4:1-16; Colossians 2:6-7)
3. Reduplication: We go on the mission of God by reaching out as disciples who make disciples, who in turn make more disciples. (Matthew 28:19-20; John 20:21; Acts 1:8)