



CONNECT

The world today is hungry for truth and to make a deep connection with God and others around them. As the church, we are uniquely gifted to fulfill this need for connection through Christ. Imagine a church like that in Acts 2:41-47, where the body has truly come together in fellowship, focused on Christ, and united in their calling. "Connect" is designed to launch our members to grow and go.

CONNECT TO GOD'S WORD

The key to providing real, lasting community and connection with Christ and each other is to equip our people with a solid foundation built on God's Word. We hope to give all members a passion for growing in their relationship with Christ, and to connect them with opportunities to do so. Our desire for each member is:

Hear (*Mark 4:16*)

- to realize that there are certain non-negotiable, absolute foundations for our faith.

Examine (*Ephesians 6:17; Hebrews 4:12*)

- to trust in the Lord's provision, recognize God's Word is alive, and that it touches our hearts and speaks to all believers at the point of their need.

Apply (*Luke 11:28; 1 Thessalonians 2:13*)

- to have God's Word in their hearts, study it daily, so they will be able to apply His Word to every moment of their lives and call on the Holy Spirit's power and strength.

CONNECT TO YOUR CALL

We believe that when our life has been poured into, it is then our responsibility to go and do likewise to others. A healthy church should not be contained, but should be unleashed. Each believer has a unique purpose. We desire to connect our members with that calling, ignite a passion to pursue that calling. Our desire for each member is:

Grow (*Colossians 3:17*)

- to grow in various leadership roles, in the home, the church, community and around the world.

Discover (*Matthew 4:19*)

- to listen and follow the Holy Spirit to discover their call and live it out where God has placed them.

Reflect (*2 Corinthians 3:18*)

- to be a reflection of Christ, pointing the lost back to Him.

CONNECT TO OTHERS

Just like the church in Acts 2:41-47, we desire our members to thrive in a community of like-minded believers, lifting each other up, creating lasting fellowship and encouraging others be added to the family of God daily. In order to create this community, our desire for each member is:

Fellowship (*Romans 12:10*)

- to do life together and be united in fellowship, sharing a lasting bond of brotherly love.

Embrace (*Matthew 25:35-40*)

- to always have arms open to embrace and accept the broken and hurting world outside our church.

Encourage (*Colossians 3:16; 1 Thessalonians 5:11; Hebrews 10:24*)

- to lift each other up through prayer and grow in our openness and authenticity with one another.

Connect is just one part of our church's mission. It is designed to propel our members toward a desire to go deeper in their walk with the Lord, and then to send them out to go share their faith with those outside our walls. When our church embraces this mission, think of the difference we will make in the lives of those around us, in this city, and in the world.

OUR VISION | To see all people come to know Jesus as Savior and Lord to the glory of God.

OUR MISSION | To be and to build committed, reproducing followers of Jesus who **WORSHIP** God, **CONNECT** with others, **GROW** in His Word and **GO** take the Gospel to our world.

