



Sent by God: His People on His Mission

Introduction Combined Adult Bible Class December 28, 2008

Introduction

Today we begin a series designed to help us think about God's purposes for this church. The series will continue in most of our Sunday morning adult Bible classes.

What is Our Mission? What is our Vision?

A mission statement is generally a short, pithy expression of the overall goal of the church.

- How would you describe the current mission of this church?
- What key words do you think should be included?
- How would you like to see the mission expanded or altered?
- Write a possible mission statement.

Vision statements usually expand mission statements, that is, vision statements tell

succinctly and clearly how the mission will be accomplished.

- How would you describe the vision of this church?
- Alternate question: What does or should this church seek to do as we leave the building? What does God send us forth to do?
- What concepts do you think would be important to include in a vision statement for this church?

Do you agree with the following mission statement? Why or why not? How would you want to change it or reword it?

“Sharing God’s love to transform people into fully devoted followers of Christ”

What are the Core Beliefs of this church?

Of course, the body of Christ committed to genuine discipleship believes the Bible or the teachings of Christ. Nevertheless, most churches have a system of beliefs that

provide the core principles that guide that local congregation.

The core beliefs of a church provide the basic principles that inform values and behaviors. From the foundation of the principles of Scripture come the values which inform ethical actions. Distinguishing beliefs, values, and behaviors is often difficult, because together they integrate the life of a Christian and the life of the body of Christ.

If you had to choose eight core beliefs which represent this church, what beliefs would you choose?

What are the Core Values of this church?

The core values of a church connect principles or beliefs and behaviors. From the foundation of the principles of Scripture come values which inform ethical actions. Distinguishing principles, values, and behaviors is often difficult, because together they integrate the life of a Christian and the life of the body of Christ.

Sometimes values are expressed as actions, sometimes they are expressed as characteristics or concepts.

If you had to choose eight values which represent this church, what values would you choose?

Notes

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