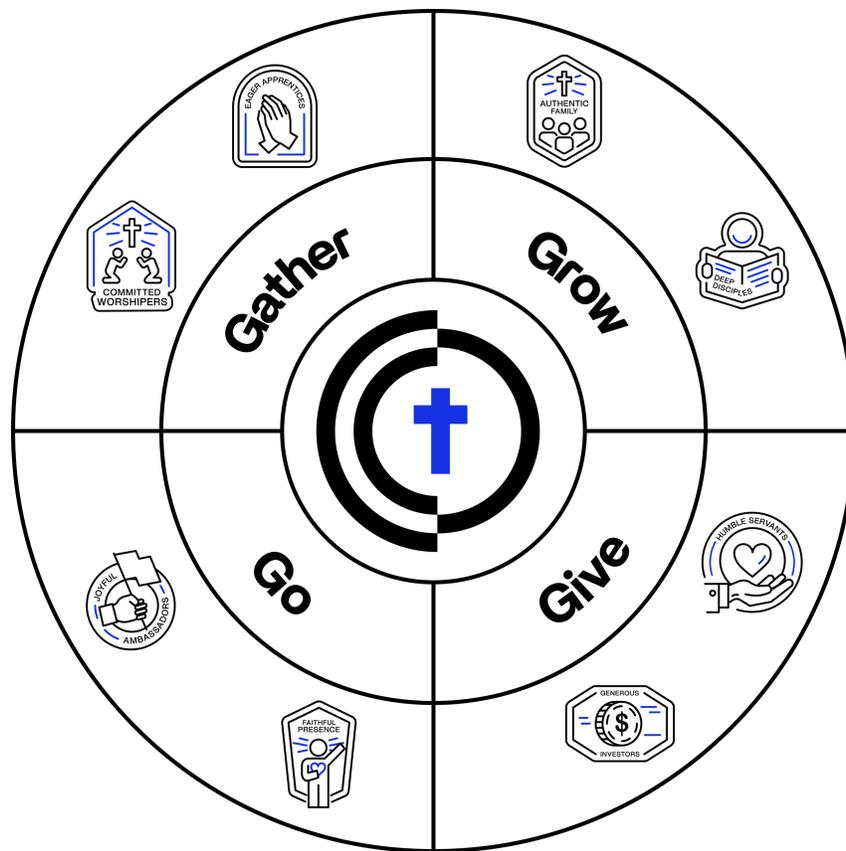


THE CENTRAL WHEEL



***Making Whole Disciples
Who Make a Difference***

LIFE GROUP LESSON GUIDE

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INTRODUCTION

The local church is God's prescription for your growth.

That said, too many Christians see local-church membership as an optional add-on for the super-committed, and too many churches fail to provide a coherent path for individuals to see exactly how the local church is custom-designed by God to deepen their faith, expand their capacity for joy, and lead them to flourish. That's what the Central Wheel is designed to do.

CONCEPT

The Central Wheel can be understood as three concentric circles, each one stemming from the one inside it. It's designed to illustrate why we exist as a church (at the center), what we ask of all our members (the middle ring), and what that leads us uniquely to be (the outer ring).

- **Core**

At the center is our church logo, designed to represent the gospel. Everything in the Central Wheel, and everything at Central, is designed to stem from the centrality of the gospel.

- **Commitments**

In the middle ring, you'll find four commitments we ask all our members to make. All healthy Christians need to gather, grow, give, and go in the context of the local church.

- **Characteristics**

In the outer ring, you'll find two characteristics that give shape to each of the four commitments in the middle ring. These are the things we want to be uniquely true of us.

In short, the Central Wheel is designed to propel you along the Christian way.

As a church, we invite people into the fullness of life Jesus offers by shaping them with the gospel. The Central Wheel is designed to lay out the ingredients necessary for that to happen, show how you can be a part of it as a member of the church, and articulate in a fresh way what has been the heartbeat of our church for a century.

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CURRICULUM

That's also why we've developed this curriculum. Over the next four weeks we'll spend time in our groups learning more about this discipleship pathway. Here's how:

- **Discover and Discuss**

In our groups we will learn about each aspect of the Central Wheel and spend time discussing them together.

- **Practice and Pursue**

For those who want to learn more, this section will help deepen understanding.

- **Reflect and Renew**

This is material designed to help us take stock of our lives and grow in each area

On top of this curriculum, Pastor Daniel has also authored a book just for our church: *The Central Wheel: Making Whole Disciples Who Make a Difference*, available online and at our bookstore. In all, our prayer is that, by God's grace, this discipleship pathway would help us find the fullness of life Jesus offers, and make generations of disciples who make a difference with the gospel.

GATHER

Week 1



GATHER

We gather around the gospel in weekly corporate worship and daily personal devotion because we need the regular, faith-stirring, soul-satisfying experience of God's presence.

DISCOVER AND DISCUSS

Listen to details about The Central Wheel and use the questions below to carry on the discussion.

The starting point of discipleship is the gathered body of believers remembering and rehearsing the gospel in weekly corporate worship. That transformation is furthered through the power of the Holy Spirit in our hearts and minds operating through the key spiritual practices of personal devotion.

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Regularly being away from the in-person, weekly corporate worship can lead to spiritual harm over time. How have you seen that in your own life or the lives of others?
2. Why do you think God designed us to be shaped so deeply by in-person gatherings?
3. What are some of the recurring themes that have kept you from weekly gatherings in the past?
4. Among the three avenues the Spirit uses to transform us (instruction, community, and practices) which is currently the hardest for you to commit to? Why do you think that is?

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5. What does your time of personal devotion look like? What resources have you used or steps have you taken that have been helpful to that time?
6. How would you respond to a friend who says, “I’m just not getting much out of church”?
7. As we recommit to our church covenant, what is a single step you think could be helpful for the average member to become more committed to corporate worship and personal devotion?

PRACTICE AND PURSUE

For those who want to learn more, this section will help deepen understanding.

- **Elements of Corporate Worship**

You may have never thought about this, but every worship gathering is designed to follow the plot of Scripture—starting with a reminder that God is great, reminding us that we are sinners, that Jesus saves, and we are sent. It’s also designed to be and be a rehearsal and reminder of the gospel. Here’s how each element is designed to do that as individuals and a gathered body.

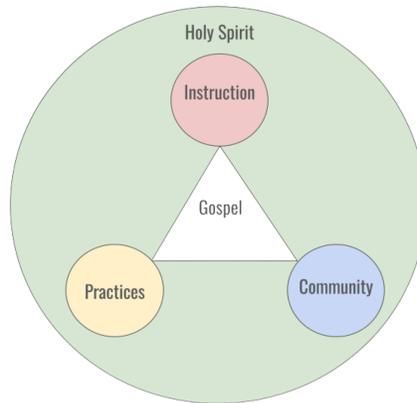
- **Call to Worship:** This reading from Scripture formally opens our gathering.
- **Singing:** The corporate singing of the truths of Scripture.
- **Thanksgiving:** The public recognition of God’s goodness to us.
- **Giving:** Our investment in the advance of the Word
- **Scripture Reading:** The public reading of God’s Word.
- **Pastoral Prayer:** A prayer on behalf of the congregation.
- **Sermon:** The preaching of God’s Word
- **Baptism:** A visual proclamation of the gospel.
- **Lord’s Supper:** A physical proclamation of the gospel.
- **Benediction:** This reading from Scripture formally closes our gathering and send us out.

- **Model of Supernatural Change**

This is how God brings supernatural change in the hearts of his people.

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- **The Holy Spirit** is the person who brings about supernatural change in us.
- **The Gospel** is the power the Spirit uses exclusively to bring about supernatural change.
- **Instruction, Community, and Practices** are the paths where the Spirit uses the gospel to change us:
 - **Instruction** is found in sermons and classes.
 - **Community** is what you'll find in groups and gatherings.
 - **Practices** are the habits handed down by Jesus to help us become more like him.



Sometimes this change comes immediately, as a breakthrough, but most often it comes gradually, as we devote ourselves to them, over time, and over and over again, in order to grow in God's grace.

• **Starting a Daily Devotional**

Here are some tips to get you started on a daily devotional.

- **Start small:** People don't go from the couch directly to a marathon. You don't need to either. 5 minutes of reading and 5 minutes of prayer is a perfectly acceptable starting point.
- **Pick your spot:** Routines are your friend. Pick a time of day, a location (maybe even a certain type of coffee or snack) that you associate with this time and aim to be consistent.

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- **Pick a reading plan:** Don't open the Bible at random. You'll profit more from a method that takes you through the Bible in a systematic and sequenced way.
- **Develop a prayer plan:** No prayer is bad prayer, but unplanned prayer is often self-centered. Make a plan of who or what you'll pray for each day.
- **Minimize distractions:** Consider putting screens away. Keep a sheet of paper nearby to list to-do's that come to mind. Jot them down so you can return your focus to God.
- **Mark milestones:** Consider keeping a notebook, whether it be to house observations you have about the Bible or to record answers to prayer.
- **Give yourself grace:** You'll miss a day. Some days will feel hurried. You'll stumble in sin. Keep showing up. Perseverance is the goal, not perfect attendance.

- **Recommended Resources for Daily Devotion**

For different options for daily Bible-reading plans, check out Ligonier Ministries' article, "Bible Reading Plans for 2025 at shorturl.at/aFNMY. Additionally, the resources below are designed to help with your daily devotion. Many of these can be found in our church bookstore.

- *New Morning Mercies* (Paul David Tripp)
- *Morning and Evening* (Charles Haddon Spurgeon)
- *Through the Bible in a Year* (John Stott)
- *For the Love of God* (D. A. Carson)
- *The Valley of Vision: A Collection of Puritan Prayers and Devotions* (Arthur Bennett)
- *Be Thou My Vision* (Jonathan Gibson)
- *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded* (Jonathan Gibson)
- *Life of Jesus in 30 Days* (Trevin Wax)
- *Letters of Paul in 30 Days* (Trevin Wax)
- *Psalms in 30 Days* (Trevin Wax)
- *Holiness Day by Day* (Jerry Bridges)

GATHER

REFLECT AND RENEW

Material designed to help us take stock of our lives and grow in each area.



COMMITTED WORSHIPERS

How well am I investing my time?

- Make a list of the ten areas where you have invested the most time this year, including weekends—from most to least time spent.
- Evaluate your list and consider: Is this the best and highest use of your time? Is there anything you need to spend more or less time doing?

What keeps me from worship?

- Make a list of the most-recurring to least-recurring reasons that explain why you miss church when you do (or when you're unable to focus at church).
- Review your list and consider: What change could you make that would remove some of the friction keeping you from worship either physically or spiritually?



EAGER APPRENTICES

How would I articulate my approach to daily devotion?

- Describe as best you can what you've done over the year to pursue spiritual growth, formation, and health.
- Review your list and consider what worked well, what didn't, and what adjustments you should make.
- **First Step:** If you haven't been consistent or don't really have an approach, consider taking a church class on Christian habits for help.

What formative Christian habits am I engaging?

- Make a list of any Christian habits you've adopted this year (e.g., Bible reading, meditation, memory, silence/solitude, sabbath, fasting) and their frequency.

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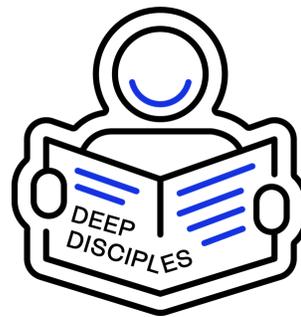
PRAYER

Consider these areas in your times of personal devotion.

- Pray the Lord would be present and active in our weekly gathering. That the gospel would deeply impact our church and community.
- Pray you or your family would develop healthy habits and practices to bring transformation and faithfulness to Christ.
- Pray for a renewed commitment in our church to be a community of committed worshipers and eager apprentices.

GROW

Week 2



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We grow in the gospel within learning environments and community environments so both our minds and our hearts are trained to love the Triune God and live in light of his story.

DISCOVER AND DISCUSS

Listen to details about The Central Wheel and use the questions below to carry on the discussion.

Christian growth is a group effort. That's why our church has distinct spaces, some designed to produce community and grow us together as authentic family and others designed to produce learning and help us become deep disciples. If the church wishes to form whole disciples, then we need to be a church that is learning the way of Jesus together and living the way of Jesus together.

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. When you think of small groups, what have you seen work well and what have you seen not work well in churches?
2. As you think about groups or classes you've been a part of in churches, what is the most meaningful moment you can think of that you've experienced in one and why?
3. What examples have you seen of people making Christianity too individualistic? Why do you think the Bible places so much focus on the in-person shared life of the local church?

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4. Some churches target a single demographic (students, cowboys, etc.) who are all basically in the same life stage. Is it important for the church to be multi-generational?
Why or why not?
5. Have you ever had a moment where you learned something about the Christian faith that made a real difference to your life or thinking? If so, what was it?
6. Some churches place a massively high premium on community. Others do the same with learning. What are the dangers (or what examples have you seen) of churches focusing on one to the detriment of the other?
7. As we recommit to our church covenant, what is a single step you think could be helpful for the average member to take to pursue community or learning as a member of our church?

PRACTICE AND PURSUE

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- **What else do I need to know about community?**

We want to take the guesswork and awkwardness out of finding a place where you fit.

- **We can help:** Stepping into new spaces can be a challenge. We've tried to make that easier by detailing everything online. But you may still have questions, and we're happy to help.
- **There's a group for everyone:** We have groups large and small, at church and in homes, some focused on lessons and others on conversation. Find what works for you.
- **You aren't limited:** We have spaces that feature recovery, care, and enrichment programs for a set number of weeks that can complement the community your groups are designed to give. You don't have to quit your group to receive support elsewhere in the church.
- **You don't have to do everything at once:** We want all our members to be learning and to be in community, but we realize time is limited. You know best what you need most in this season and if you need to opt out of a group to be a part of a class (or vice versa) that's fine.

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- **Childcare is provided:** All our on-campus groups have childcare available on Sunday morning, Sunday evening, and Wednesday night.

- **What is our strategy for learning?**

Learning isn't merely intellectual. We aren't brains on a stick; we're humans created in the image of God. On top of that, sin has radically impaired our affections and disordered our desires. We need to be made holy and whole. Because of that, we've tried to be intentional to design spaces that deep our discipleship.

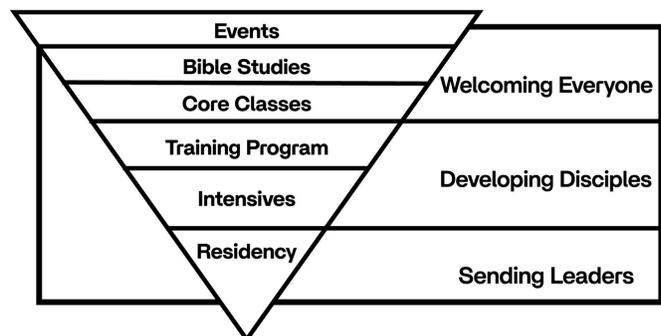
- **We shape *spaces* for transformation.** Our classes are designed to be active learning environments that learn in community and do so while engaging in key Christian practices.
- **We deliver the *scope* of content disciples need.** We've worked to create learning environments that deliver the primary things all Christians need: a broad understanding of the Bible, deep roots in Christian beliefs, and habits that nudge us toward godliness.
- **We *sequence* our classes to draw disciples to their next step.** Our classes are designed to reach people at every level, develop them, and take them to the next level.

Our learning environments function at three basic levels:

- **Welcoming Environments:** Our events, Bible studies, and classes are designed for everyone.

- **Developing Environments:** Our training program and intensives are designed to raise the bar and to raise up more mature disciples.

- **Sending Environments:** Our residency program is designed to equip and send those who will go out from us to lead ministry and marketplaces around the world.



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- **Classes**

These are the basics for each of the spaces we've designed to be active learning environments for our people to grow in their knowledge of God.

- **Events:** 1-day experiences combining an expert teacher and essential topic.
- **Bible Studies:** 1-semester experiences working line by line through the Bible most often in a single-gender environment.
- **Core Classes:** 6-12-week experiences covering basic principles in the Bible, doctrine, and formation.
- **Training Program:** 1-year discipleship program integrating Bible, doctrine, and formation.
- **Intensives:** 1-semester experiences for Training Program alums to go deeper into specific topics.
- **Residency:** 1-year or 2-year leadership experience to help hone the craft, develop the character, and advance training for church leaders of the next generation.

REFLECT AND RENEW

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AUTHENTIC FAMILY

Who are the people in my life?

- Ask yourself: If you missed 2-3 Sundays in a row, who are the people that would notice your absence and reach out to check in?
- **First step:** Make a point to arrive on time for church and not leave early. Consider joining a group or serving in some way. Don't be afraid to ask for help.

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What are my social spheres?

- Sketch the different spheres of people you spend time with. Label each on a 1-5 scale on how deeply you're known in each (1 = barely at all, 5 = deeply).
- Ask yourself: Is the church one of the places you're known deepest? If not, that may be an indicator that you need to lean in more deeply for your growth and good.



DEEP DISCIPLES

What is discipling me?

- Take a rough inventory of what you consume. Check your phone screen time settings, add to that the rough amount of time you spend on TV, podcasts, etc.
- Take a slice of that time and consider devoting it to reading, study, a class, or something that will grow your knowledge and love for God.

What did I intake this year?

- Write down any Christian books you read, church classes you took, or ways you intentionally sought to grow in the knowledge of God.
- Make a plan for a list of items you want to pursue in the next year to either start, continue, or accelerate growth in this area.
- **First Step:** Stop into the church bookstore to identify trusted books, hand selected by our pastors, that will help you grow.

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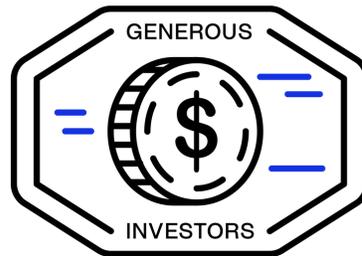
PRAYER

Consider these areas in your times of personal devotion.

- Pray for your church family, that you'd develop relationships of encouragement and exposure. Pray for the spiritual growth of those you love in our church.
- Pray for a deep yearning for understanding and knowledge of God.
- Pray that our church would be filled with matured and faithful men and women living in deep community.

GIVE

Week 3



GIVE

We give for the gospel both practically and financially to invest in the advance of the gospel and the increase of our joy, showing with our actions that God is our ultimate treasure.

DISCOVER AND DISCUSS

Listen to details about The Central Wheel and use the questions below to carry on the discussion.

We're a part of a sacred mission, handed down by Jesus himself. Jesus has won the decisive battle leading to our redemption and the renewal of all things, but he completes that victory over time (not immediately) and through the church (not by himself). That's why both serving and giving are important. When we serve and when we give, we join in the work God has designed to win the war for human hearts.

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Strictly speaking, God doesn't "need" us or our money in order to accomplish his purposes. Why, then, do you think he commands us to serve and to give?
2. What is one way you have benefited from the service of others in the life of the church?

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3. Have you ever been asked to serve in a space and find that you have a knack for it or that the Lord uniquely used it? If so, share about that experience.
4. How would you respond to a friend saying, “I give to the church with my time, not my money”?
5. In the OT, every Israelite was required by law to give 20% of all they had every year (and 30% every third year). In the modern day, the average church member in the US gives 0.05% each year. Why do you think that is?
6. Jesus says repeatedly and emphatically that one of the reasons we should give generously is because we’ll receive a reward in heaven for it. Why do you think we’re hesitant to believe that?
7. As we recommit to our church covenant, what is a single step you think could be helpful for the average member to take to become more faithful in serving or giving to the church?

PRACTICE AND PURSUE

For those who want to learn more, this section will help deepen understanding.

- **Why do we serve?**

We serve not because Jesus needs us. We serve because—as incredible as this may seem—God has designed service to be one of the methods Jesus uses to complete his victory over Satan, sin, and death. He is forming a people and fitting them for service in his war for human hearts.

- **Where can I serve?**

At a church like ours, there are hundreds of service opportunities every week. Rather than trying to list every one, below you’ll find categories of the main things we engage together.

- **Welcoming:** To create warm and friendly environments for guests, we need help in at our doors, at coffee bars and elsewhere throughout the church connecting with guests.
- **Presence:** We lend our presence to provide care for others in the life of our church, in spaces like our preschool ministry and special needs ministry.

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- **Practical:** We have ongoing, practical needs that need to be met each week. These include help with upkeep and care of the property, helping prepare the Lord's Supper, and helping guests take next steps.
 - **Technical:** We host regular events requiring the help of those with technical expertise in broad spectrum of technical areas including media, music, security and medicine.
 - **Next Generation:** We have an active sports ministry and a full suite of age-graded ministries, all needing help and all of which are designed to help the next generation come to and grow in faith.
 - **Investing:** We have spaces in need of those willing to invest in others by facilitating community groups, coaching new members, and mentoring in spaces designed to provide care, recovery, or support.
 - **Equipping:** We have a constellation of active learning environments designed to grow us as deep disciples. Needs here include help from those trained to teach and others willing to guide conversations as table hosts.
- **How do I start serving?**
 - **Commit to the church:** That means being a committed worshiper, who is devoted to Christ, engaged in community, and actively learning.
 - **Identify a need:** As you commit to the rhythms of church life, you'll begin to notice where there are gaps and needs. Proactively volunteer to help.
 - **Reevaluate periodically:** Ministry needs change over time—but so do you. As you grow, your interests and skills will develop, and it may be that there are other areas that interest you or you're invited into.
 - **Why should I give?**

We should give because we're being made more into the image of Christ, who is himself radically generous. That means, following Jesus should significantly change your relationship to money. To be a Christian is to be one who is being shaped and formed into the image of Christ, and Jesus' heart pulses with joyful, other-directed divine life.

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- **How should I give?**

If you're just getting started or ready to take a next step in giving, here are some tips to help you maximize the impact of your generosity and the effectiveness of the church.

- **Make your giving consistent:** When you give regularly (or automate your giving) rather than just occasionally it frees the church to make clearer plans and set more ambitious goals.
- **Make your giving primary:** The biblical pattern is to give of our first and our best, not our leftovers. Consider whether your budgeting and practices reflect that priority.
- **Make your giving percentage-based:** Basing your giving off a percentage of your income helps answer how much you give, and gives you a baseline to reevaluate and grow over time.
- **Make your giving church-focused:** The Bible encourages us to focus our lives (and giving) on the church, prioritizing its operating fund and then giving above and beyond to other church needs or outside organizations as we're able.
- **Make your giving sacrificial:** We want to be generous in the amount we give. A good general rule is that our giving approaches generosity when it feels like it stretches us.
- **Make sure your giving is joyful:** We're to give not as a duty, but a delight, thinking of all our money as belonging to God, which we steward.

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REFLECT AND RENEW

Material designed to help us take stock of our lives and grow in each area.



HUMBLE SERVANTS

What role do I have?

- Make a list of times or places when you've given of your time this year in order to serve others within the church.
- Ask yourself: If you could guarantee your service would make a difference, based on your gifts, what do you think is the most impactful thing you could do?

Where is there a need?

- Make a list of spaces where you've been asked to help at some point and things you've noticed that don't seem to be operating as well as they could be.
- **First step:** Often the Lord reveals our gifts through others (I see how you could help) and through observations (I see how this could be better). When either of those happen, have a bias toward involvement.

GENEROUS INVESTORS

How have I invested?



- Take a look at everything you possess, what you've earned this year, how you spent, and what you gave.
- Ask yourself soberly: Did you do your best to leverage all you have to maximize the advance of the gospel and lay up for yourselves treasure in heaven?

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Where do I need to grow?

- Consider your heart and where you struggle: fear (Will I have enough?), greed (I want more.), or doubt (Will giving really lead to greater treasure in heaven?).
- **First step:** Pray that the Lord would awaken joy in giving, and commit to a dollar or percentage-amount to go to the church's operating budget next year.

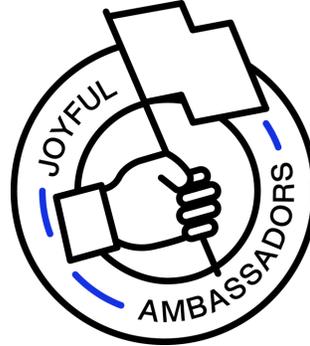
PRAYER

Consider these areas in your times of personal devotion.

- Pray that God would provide opportunities to serve, make them clear, and use them to reveal your spiritual gifts.
- Pray that God would give you the means and the motivation to be generous with all God has given you.
- Pray that our church would be a people who are radically generous in response to the lavish grace and mercy of what we have received in the gospel.

GO

Week 4



GO

We go with the gospel to our neighbors, nations, and the next generation because the lost need to see, hear, and receive the newness of life and forgiveness on offer in the gospel.

DISCOVER AND DISCUSS

Listen to details about The Central Wheel and use the questions below to carry on the discussion.

Jesus has been given all authority on heaven and earth, and with it he has equipped us and deployed us to be his messengers. We take his Word to the ends of the earth, and he works through our witness to impart his life-changing power. We are ambassadors of the kingdom of God in the kingdoms of the world.

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. If part of being a faithful presence is living a distinctly Christian life, what are ways you've seen that go well and go poorly?
2. Another part of being a faithful presence is by working as a Christian, striving to be known for faithfulness, excellence, and virtue in your work. What is one way you can do that in your spheres of influence?
3. What are the spaces in your life that you frequent the most or have unique influence? What is one way you could use that to live on mission?

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4. Did you come to Christ in response to a perfectly-shared gospel presentation? If not, why do you think so many feel like they aren't "equipped" to share the gospel with others?
5. Have you ever been on a foreign mission trip? If so, what was your best experience about the trip and was there anything that surprised you or stays with you?
6. If the church is a "training ground" or "beachhead" for the advance of the kingdom of God, how could that change the way we think about the importance of groups and classes?
7. As we recommit to our church covenant, what is a single step you think could be helpful for the average member to take to better live on mission and be a witness for the gospel?

PRACTICE AND PURSUE

For those who want to learn more, this section will help deepen understanding.

- **What is the mission of the church?**

The mission of the church is the unique assignment God has given to the local church, which is to glorify God by bearing witness to the gospel. That consists of declaring the gospel in evangelism to form Christians, developing mature disciples in light of the gospel to reform Christians, and demonstrating the power of the gospel to transform the culture.

- **You matter.**

God uses our everyday experiences to bring everlasting life to others. That's one of the reasons we should pursue growth and transformation—so that our lives look different, that we're freed to pursue faithfulness and excellence that is attractive and creates an opportunity for us to share what it is that makes us what we are.

- **What can I do to live on mission?**

- **Commit to gospel formation:** To be a faithful presence of Christ in the world, you need to be formed more into the image of Christ in the life of the local church.
- **Live a distinctly Christian life:** Christians above all people should be known for their love, patience, and kindness. If our friends and coworkers are shocked to learn we're Christian, something isn't right.

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- **Live strategically for God:** In your vocations, regardless of what it is, work as a Christian striving to be known for faithfulness and excellence.
- **Look for opportunities:** Whether you're at a baseball field or a board meeting, if you're in Christ you can walk through life knowing that wherever you are, God has sent you there.

- **How do I get started living on mission?**

There are many different ways we can engage the world around us. Here are a few ideas:

- **Pursue training:** By getting trained in evangelism, theology, and formation, you can build confidence in the gospel message.
- **Create margin in your schedule:** More margin can allow you to pursue others with intention rather than seeing them as interruptions.
- **Engage where people gather:** There are all sorts of regular gatherings in our neighborhoods and communities. Find where people are and spend time in those spaces.
- **Do what you love with others:** You are created in the image of God with unique interests, loves, skills, and passions. Leverage them for the sake of the gospel.
- **Ask good questions:** Genuinely show you care and are interested in other people. In a world that is radically-oriented around the self, curiosity is counter-cultural.
- **Listen:** Honor the people around you not just with your faithful presence but by being present in conversation, listening to what they say to know them for who they are.
- **Share your story:** Think about how you can talk naturally and compellingly about what the gospel rescued you from and how Jesus shaped you into the person you are.
- **Share the gospel:** The Spirit works to awaken faith through the active proclamation of the gospel. That means we should work toward opportunities to explain the good news of Jesus and make an appeal to them to repent and place their faith in him.

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- **How to serve in missions?**

Sometimes, when people hear the call to engage in mission, they fear that it means dangerous journeys to far-away places. And while it can mean that (the gospel is to go to every corner of the earth), it doesn't mean you can't be a faithful ambassador in other ways and places. Here at Central, these are the spaces we've designed to help reach every nation and generation:

- **Sending:** We send members on short-term and long-term trips to places like Mexico, Ireland, England, Mexico, Africa, the Caribbean, and the Czech Republic.
- **Serving:** Every day, there are opportunities to engage in ministry across our community through local missions efforts.
- **Partnering:** On top of the ministries we run as a church, we also support and partner with other area organizations to advance the gospel across our community.
- **Planting:** We actively pursue a strategy to plant churches in strategic places around the globe and plant people in strategic contexts.

- **How to get started in missions?**

God calls us all to be involved in the advance of the gospel. But that takes different forms. Here are some basics to consider:

- **Pray:** Pray for the advance of the gospel, the work of individual ministries, also that the Lord would provide opportunities for you to engage in meaningful gospel work.
- **Support:** We funnel as many of our resources as possible to the advance of the gospel. When you are a generous investor to the operating budget of our church, you allow us to take the gospel further and faster.
- **Grow:** We have regular classes designed to train us to grow in our skills in sharing the gospel and our abilities to go with the gospel to other nations.
- **Go:** Carve out space to go with our church somewhere around the world for the sake of the gospel.

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REFLECT AND RENEW

Material designed to help us take stock of our lives and grow in each area.



FAITHFUL PRESENCE

What are my passions?

- Take stock of your gifts, interests, skills, and experience. Make a list of the places and spaces where excellence comes easily to you.
- Ask yourself whether you have been or how you can utilize these areas to make a difference for the gospel.

What is my mission field?

- Consider where God has put you. Who are the people in your life with whom you have the most influence or to whom you might have unique access?
- Make a plan, no matter how small, for how you can take an intentional step toward making a difference in the life of someone else with the gospel.



JOYFUL AMBASSADORS

What steps have I taken?

- Make a list of any direct gospel efforts you've taken: inviting people to church, sharing your story, inviting people to trust in Christ.
- **First step:** If you struggle with fear or focus, set a goal and a date by which you will plan to invite one person to church and to share your story with another.

Where can I focus my efforts?

- Start a list of people who don't know Christ and commit to praying for them.
- Pick one person, pray for him/her regularly, commit to sharing the gospel with them, and make a plan to do so by a particular point in time.

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PRAYER

Consider these areas in your times of personal devotion.

- Pray that you would sense opportunities to model the beauty of the gospel and share the message of the gospel in all areas of your life.
- Pray for the advance of the gospel, the ministry of our church in particular, and the work of individual ministers and ministries.
- Pray that the Lord would provide opportunities for you to engage in meaningful gospel work and conversations.