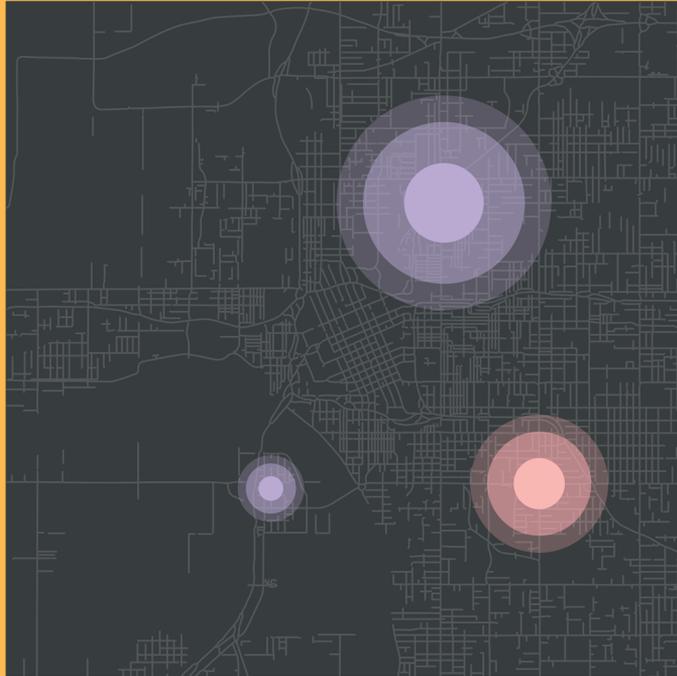


KINGDOM VISION



FOR TULSA



Kingdom Vision for Tulsa

Mission: to see our **city** and the **world** transformed by the gospel of Jesus Christ

Strategy: to raise up disciples who are making disciples, living missionally, and bringing the kingdom of God to all areas of our city through micro-churches

Vision for the next 10 years (2020-2030)

- To see 100,000 people reached and disciplined in Tulsa (and surrounding area) through micro-churches
- To see 2,000 micro-churches launched
- To see 100 micro-churches launched and operating by the end of 2020

HOW WILL WE ACCOMPLISH THIS VISION?

1. CITY CENTRAL: (Macro-church)

City Central exists to empower, equip, and resource the micro-church into deeper levels of mission and disciple-making.

What support does City Central provide for micro-church planters?

- **Training** - Initial training that helps a micro-church planter get started, build a team, and move towards disciple-making.
- **Coaching** - City Central will provide each micro-church planter a coach to walk with you on this journey, to encourage, direct, shepherd, and provide accountability along the way.
- **Sunday Hub** - A Hub is a City Church Sunday location that exists to surround each micro-church planter with a system of support and encouragement.
- **Resources** - We are committed to exhaust every possible resource at our disposal to help our micro-church leaders succeed. This may include, but is not limited to, media resources, finances, facilities, etc.

2. CITY HUBS: Hubs are Sunday gatherings located in strategic places around our city where we gather to be encouraged, trained, and inspired into mission.



What happens at a City Hub?

- We create space for worship, prayer, and coming to the table through communion
- We share stories of what God is doing in our city and around the world
- We equip people to live out the gospel

3. MICRO-CHURCHES: A community of people gathered around a common mission, to make disciples and to bring the kingdom of God to all areas of our city.

What happens in a micro-church?

- A disciple-making team is formed around a common mission in our city (a cause, place, people, etc.)
- This team commits to pray and look for opportunities to love, serve, and engage in spiritual conversations
- People engage in a Discovery Study; an obedience-based Bible study that leads us into a deeper understanding of God
- As disciples are being made, these disciples are sent out to make disciples who begin new micro-churches

What is required to be a micro-church planter within the City Church network?

- **Alignment** with our Kingdom Foundations and Kingdom Culture
- **Commitment** to a City Church Hub and coach
- **Assemble** a micro-church disciple-making team (minimum 4 people committed to a common mission)
- **Micro-church minimum requirements:** meet regularly, establish a common mission emphasis, actively make disciples, work towards micro-church multiplication

How do I start a micro-church?

- Complete the Micro-church leader application online OR attend a Discovery Night: **cc.guide**
- Begin monthly coaching meetings for:
 - Acquiring training/skills through online resources
 - Connecting with your micro-church coach who will walk with you through the process
- Upon approval of your micro-church by City Church leadership, you will attend a weekend retreat that will help you prepare for the Three Phases of a Micro-Church

THREE PHASES OF A MICRO-CHURCH:

I. Preparation

- Launch with a disciple-making team - do life together and invite others to join
- Pray for people and the city - mobilize together in prayer
- Identify your Mission - people group, challenges and other opportunities to rally around a mission

II. Activation

Engage your people in:

- Loving and serving
- Initiate spiritual conversations
- Looking for people of peace
- Blessing households
- Showing and sharing the Kingdom in tangible ways

Make disciples by starting Discovery Groups

III. Acceleration

- Multiply Disciple Makers
 - Immediate replication
- Form the micro-church
- Send out Teams to launch new micro-churches

Three Phases: Approximately 18 - 24 months

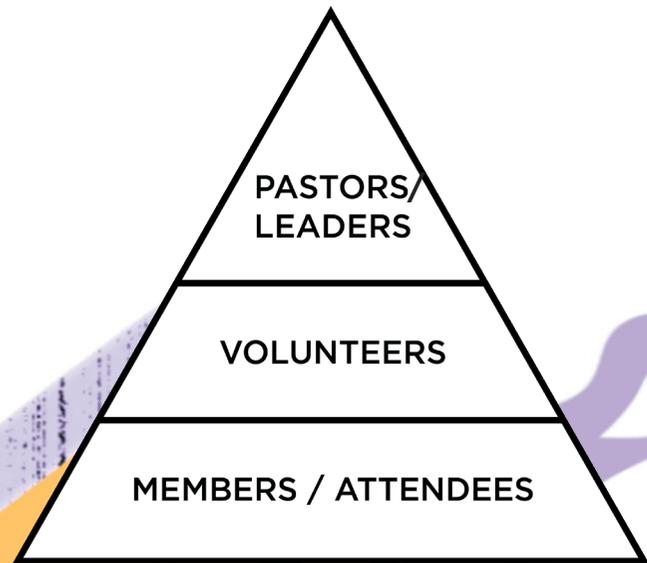
Our commitment to you at City Central:

To surround you (the Micro-church planter) with prayer, people, support, and resources for going to make disciples in the places God called you within our city.

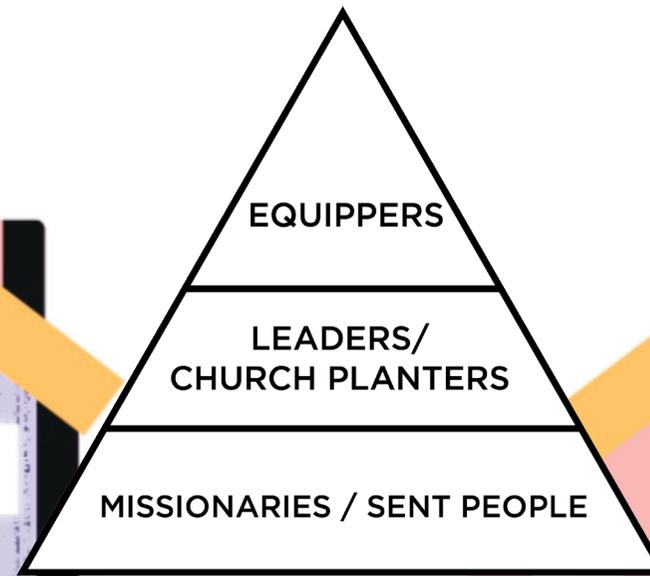
- Spiritual Covering & Shared Kingdom Vision
- Coaching
- Training: monthly and online
- Resources: financial, media, facilities, strategy, etc.

*The **traditional church model** relies heavily on the gifts and abilities of a few pastors, staff, leaders, and volunteers while the majority of the church simply attends or spectates. In a **movement church model**, the primary role of pastors/staff/leadership becomes helping people identify their unique calling and begin living on mission to make disciples. In a movement church model, **everyone** is either a micro church planter or a missionary, using their gifts to redeem our city and make disciples.*

TRADITIONAL CHURCH MODEL:



MOVEMENT CHURCH MODEL:



SHIFTS FOR A DISCIPLE-MAKING MOVEMENT:

“The tragedy of the church today is that we are quite content watching a rock star pastor or talented few use their gifts at the expense of hundreds and thousands of unused gifts sitting in the seats each week.”

- Pastor Matt Nelson

- from > Some people are called (pastors, staff, gifted few).**
 - to > All are called, gifted, and empowered by the Spirit of God.**

- from > I choose my church (i.e. Sunday gathering) and community based off my needs and preferences.**
 - to > I choose my community based off a shared gospel mission.**

- from > The Sunday gathering is the main event and for my personal enjoyment.**
 - to > The Sunday gathering is for equipping, encouraging, and inspiring TO GO.**

- from > Community and mission is an interruption, optional, and a threat to my schedule.**
 - to > Community and mission is a priority and integrated into my daily rhythm of life.**

- from > The programs and events of the church institution exist for the benefit of the believer/member.**
 - to > All efforts of the Body of Christ are focused on following/obeying the Lord. Therefore, the systems and programs exist to love others, make disciples, and reach the unreached.**

- from > Our greatest assets are buildings, pastors, and programs.**
 - to > Our greatest asset is the sent people of God living on mission.**

- from > We measure success by butts in the seats, money given, and programs developed.**
 - to > We measure success by the spread of God's Kingdom Culture throughout the region by a movement of disciples made, disciple-makers released, and new churches started.**

- from > Certain pastors, ministries, and church leaders are called to love and serve the poor, oppressed, and marginalized.**
 - to > We are all called and equipped to bring the kingdom of God to any and every place where God does not rule.**

- from > Church finances should be spent on better Sunday production, nicer facilities, and more programs**
 - to > Church finances should be used for maximum kingdom impact such as disciple-making, micro-churches, church planting, needs of our city/world, etc.**



KINGDOM FOUNDATIONS

1. GOSPEL

The gospel is the good news of the kingdom of God coming to reign with us through the work of Jesus Christ. It is the announcement of the good news of God's victory over sin, Satan, death, and hell, and that God is renewing all things in and through the work of Jesus Christ. This good news (gospel) is substitutionary (Jesus taking our place), it is holistic (redeeming all of creation), and it moves through God's people as the Holy Spirit works in us.

This gospel is not something we deserve, earn, or produce. It is good news because we were lost, completely unable and incapable of making a way in our own efforts, and God, who is rich in mercy, rescued us from sin and death. As the gospel is continually revealed to our hearts through the work of the Spirit it begins to overflow in our lives in gratitude, thankfulness, and a life devoted to the King and kingdom living.

The gospel is also the pinnacle of God's plan for redemption. It is first and foremost about the heart of God, a God who desires to experience renewed relationship with

His creation. God created us for intimate fellowship with Him (Genesis 1) and our rebellion and sin fractured the intimacy we were designed to experience with Him (Genesis 3). In God's desire to redeem us (His creation), he established a covenant (Abraham), a people (Israel), and a law in order to dwell among His people.

The law was temporary and unable to truly transform the hearts of people and deal with the effects of sin and death. As a result, God sent his son to earth (the incarnation) to become the ultimate sacrifice for our sin and to reverse the curse of sin and death placed upon us by our rebellion to Him.

The Holy Spirit is now poured out on His people as we seek to reestablish God's kingdom earth wherever we are present. God is renewing all things through the work of Jesus and the power of the Holy Spirit - renewing individual people, creating a new redeemed people, and establishing His kingdom on earth as it is in heaven. As we join God in His kingdom redemption, we eagerly await the re-creation and restoration of all things in the second coming of Christ (new heavens and new earth).

GOSPEL: DISCOVERY STUDY: JOHN 3:1-21

2. IDENTITY

As the gospel of Jesus Christ is revealed to us, we learn to walk in light of it and discover our true identity as sons and daughters of God in an intimate, abiding relationship with our heavenly Father. This gospel becomes the foundation for our lives and begins transforming our hearts through the work of the Spirit.

Since the gospel is the foundation of our lives, we don't look to culture, our personal desires, or other people to give us our identity or our sense of self-worth. Culturally created identity will always produce insecurity and shame because it is based on the flawed human attempt to achieve good and is subjectively defined. As a new creation in Christ, we take off every false identity based on our race, gender, sexuality, interests, desires, accomplishments, connections, friends, families, social-economic status, or past failures. We understand that our primary and foundational identity is a part of a larger framework created by God and that any other identity will produce insecurity, shame, and lack of true identity. As a result, we daily take off our old selves and our cultural-shaped identities and we put on our new selves, daily being renewed into the image of Christ.

As the gospel is revealed to us thorough the work of the Spirit and we develop daily spiritual rhythms of being renewed and transformed, we begin to grow into our God-given identity in Christ. We understand that we are justified or made righteous through Christ; the process by which God makes us right in his sight, forgiving our sins and declaring us free from guilt, shame, and condemnation. We are also sanctified; the Holy Spirit washing us from our sins and giving us a new spirit and heart that is alive to God and desires to obey him, a life-long process of becoming holy.

IDENTITY: DISCOVERY STUDY: EPHESIANS 2

3. MISSION

As people who have been transformed by the gospel and find our primary identity in Christ, we now join God in His kingdom mission to redeem all of creation. Missional living begins in the heart of God and is fueled by a love for all of creation and a desire to restore what has been broken by sin. As a result, God sends his kingdom people into the earth to bring the reality of God's rule and reign (kingdom) wherever it is not present. Therefore, as image-bearers of God we bring his kingdom; love, peace, justice, mercy, goodness, and compassion to each and every place we go.

It is God's desire that all would hear the good news of God's kingdom (evangelism) and experience new birth through the renewing work of the Holy Spirit (salvation). Through the work of the Spirit we are taught to wholeheartedly follow and obey Jesus (sanctification) and go into all the world making disciples and proclaiming the good news of God's kingdom (missional living). As the sent people of God, we rely on the Spirit living within us to empower us to live on mission.

We go into every corner of the world to declare the kingdom of God, make disciples, baptize people, and teach them to walk in obedience to Christ.

MISSION: DISCOVERY STUDY: MATTHEW 28:16-20

4. COMMUNITY

Through the work of the gospel, our identity in Christ, and our commitment to living out the mission of God, we create a foundation for community and our mutual commitment to each other as the people of God. Our commitment to Christ is not just a personal decision but a communal commitment to each other as the body of Christ and the people of God.

In a consumer-driven, preference-based society, we have a tendency to pursue community based upon our needs, preferences, and desires. As a result, we often fail to experience longevity in our relationships and the freedom and beauty that comes from trust, intimacy, forgiveness, and growth over time. Currently, half of marriages end in divorce, the number of marriages dropped by 30% in the last century, there is an increase in civil litigation, political scandals, sexual assaults, and corruption in both business and law enforcement. As a result, many have rejected the idea of communal commitment and have chosen to live their lives based off individual preference.

The foundation for this new community is a commitment to the gospel and a willingness to love, serve, and sacrifice our desires for the good of the community and each other. It is only through this selfless and sacrificial approach to community, being empowered by the Holy Spirit, that we become kingdom people who can point the world to life as God intended it. Although imperfect, the church should be a model of restored community that is diverse, yet united in the gospel and our foundational identity in Christ. We make this commitment to each other not based on our preferences or compatibility (shared interest, education, social status, stage of life, etc.) but upon our mutual need for the gospel. The Eucharist becomes a gathering point of diverse people who display their communal commitment to one another through the body and blood of Christ.

We become the people of God through the world of the gospel (new birth) and our shared purpose to bring the kingdom of God to every corner of the world (missional living). It is the Spirit of God at work in us and in the collective community that leads us to unity and oneness.

As we pursue community, we recognize the difficulties and disillusionment we will face along the way and we ask the Spirit to work in us to help us recognize our own need for a Savior and to see others as Christ sees them. We commit ourselves within community to missional living and building the kingdom of God, living in proximity with each other, and shared practices that grow us into Christ and maturity.

**COMMUNITY: DISCOVERY STUDY:
ACTS 2:42-47, 4:32-35**



5. SPIRIT-EMPOWERED

The transforming power of the gospel and our commitment to living out the mission of God in community becomes possible through the Spirit of God at work in us. It is the Holy Spirit living and dwelling in us that is the promise of our future inheritance and our salvation. God dwelling in us now is a sign that one day we will forever live in the presence of God.

At Pentecost, the Spirit is now given to all believers to empower every man, woman, and child for a supernatural life and ministry in God's kingdom. The Christian life is not designed to be run by willpower, personal drive, an experience, or disciplines but by the love of Jesus that comes through intimate union with the Holy Spirit in us. The life and power of Christ and His resurrection are now made accessible to us through the indwelling of the Holy Spirit.

As the Spirit of God moves in the life of a believer and the gathered people of God we see certain manifestations of the Spirit: spiritual gifts, healings, bold proclamations of the gospel, radical generosity, etc. The Spirit of God in the life of

a believer and the church takes the ordinary and makes it extraordinary; it turns the normal into the supernatural. We believe the Holy Spirit is always at work all around us and will often move in unexpected, uncontrollable ways that are beyond our human prediction or understanding. As a result, we learn to wait upon the Spirit's movement, seek to be filled with the Spirit, and move where the Spirit of God is moving.

In order to live a Spirit-empowered life we seek to establish daily rhythms, habits, disciplines, and encounters where the Spirit renews our hearts and minds, and empowers us to live out the Christian faith. We admit our inability to make disciples, share our faith, care for the sick and needy, and bring the kingdom of God in our ability. We must rely upon the Spirit to speak to us and empower our kingdom life.

SPIRIT-EMPOWERED: DISCOVERY STUDY: ACTS 1:1-9, JOHN 14:15-31

KINGDOM CULTURE

*These are the biblical values we believe
will facilitate a movement of the gospel
and disciple-making in our city.*

Kingdom Redemption

The church (God's Kingdom people) exists to bring the reality of God's Kingdom to every corner of the earth. As God's redeemed people, we are to redeem and restore each and every broken place in our world where Christ's authority is not present.

2 Corinthians 5:17-21

Every Believer a Missionary

Every believer is a disciple, a disciple-maker, and a missionary. God calls, equips, and commissions ordinary people to go in the authority that Christ has given us through the power of the Spirit and make disciples.

Matthew 28:18-20

Diversity of Gifts & Callings

God has given the church a diversity of gifts, abilities, and callings to be used to serve each other, reach all kinds of people, and collectively grow into spiritual maturity. The role of church leadership is to equip the people of God to use their gifts for ministry.

Ephesians 4:1-16

Spirit-Empowered Disciples

Jesus invites every believer to be filled and empowered by the Holy Spirit - to experience His transforming presence in our lives each and every day. This Spirit enables us to walk in freedom, to live a transformed life, to bear fruit, to exercise our particular gifts, and to experience the supernatural and miraculous power of God in our lives. The Spirit of God moves our lives from ordinary to extraordinary and is essential for us to become disciple-makers.

Acts 1:8

Obedience to the Word

Scripture continually reminds us that it is not the “hearers” of the Word who are disciples but those who are committed to be “doers.” As a result, we commit ourselves to not only hearing the word but to daily obedience to the Word of God.

Matthew 7:24-27, James 1:22-25

Biblical Justice

The life of Jesus and the message of the Kingdom of God is continually moving into the margins of society to speak to those who are poor, oppressed, hurting, defenseless, in need, etc. We will take a prophetic stand against all kinds of evil, whether spiritual or societal. All sin and injustice is contrary to the Kingdom of God and by bringing God’s kingdom to reality we seek restoration of wholeness, equality, and peace in every area.

Isaiah 1:15-17, Amos 5:24, Micah 6:8, Luke 11:42, James 1:27

Radical Prayer & Abiding Relationship

Prayer is the lifeblood of every believer, every church, and every disciple-making movement. Every great movement or outpouring of God’s Spirit was started and maintained by a radical commitment to prayer and a commitment to foster a daily abiding relationship with Christ.

John 15:1-9, Mark 11:24, Luke 5:16

Gospel-Community on Mission

We believe the context for our faith and spiritual formation is found in gospel-centered, biblical community with other people. We are wholeheartedly committed to gospel-centered community with others that is formed around and focused on mission to make disciples and bring the kingdom of God to every corner of the world.

Romans 12:5, Hebrews 10:24-25, Acts 2:42-47

Stewardship & Radical Generosity

We acknowledge that God is the owner of all things and that we are called to be responsible stewards of what has been entrusted to us. As a result, we continually seek to grow in generosity, sharing with others, simplicity as a way of life, financial self-discipline/stewardship, and not allowing the power of money to control our lives.

Luke 16:1-13, Matthew 25:14-30, Acts 4:32-35

Multiplication

We believe a principle of the Kingdom of God is exponential multiplication. As a result, we believe all things should multiply in order for a movement of the gospel to take place - multiplying disciples, leaders, disciple-makers, churches, etc.

Acts 12:24, John 12:24

Cultural Diversity

Each and every person is made in the image of God and is worthy of honor, respect, and love. We value every people, language, and culture in our city and the world. Believe cultural diversity only allows us to better demonstrate the power of the gospel, a gospel that brings reconciliation, unity, and creates a multiethnic community.

Genesis 1:27, Acts 10:34-48, Revelation 5:9-10

God at Work

The Spirit of God is constantly and continually at work in our lives and those all around us, whether they are a follower of Christ or not. As a result, we don't need to manufacture a move of God, a disciple-making movement, or transformation in the lives of people. Instead, we acknowledge that God is already at work all around us and we position ourselves in obedience to come alongside Him in this work.

Acts 8:26-40

Risk & Innovation

The Spirit of God does not lead us into deeper places of comfort and convenience but to deeper places of trust, risk, and adventure. The only way to innovation is to accept the possibility of failure and to continually trust God as we prayerfully take steps of faith.

Proverbs 3:5, Matthew 25:14-30, 2 Timothy 1:7

Empowering & Sending

The role of the church and church leadership is to empower and send the people of God into the work of Kingdom ministry. We will equip, release, and celebrate those who are sent out into their calling and the work of Kingdom redemption.

John 20:21, John 17:18, Acts 13:2-4, Luke 10:1-2

Collaboration & Unity

A Kingdom vision goes beyond one particular church or organization. It looks to develop strategic partnerships with others and foster unity within the body of Christ. Kingdom vision finds the places, people, and organizations in our city where God is already at work. John 17:20-23

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