

## Our Statements - Session Four: Purpose Driven - The 5 M's

Church *growth* is the natural result of church *health*. This only occurs when BOTH:

- Our message is **BIBLICAL**.
- Our purpose is **BALANCED**.

*“And they devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. And all who believed were together and had all things in common. And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having favor with all the people...*

*...And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.”  
Acts 2:42-27*

God added **GROWTH** when the church **FULFILLED 5 PURPOSES**.

**Five Purposes of Church Growth** (It's never just about the numbers!):

1. We will grow *warmer* through **FELLOWSHIP**.
2. We will grow *deeper* through **DISCIPLESHIP**.
3. We will grow *broader* through **SERVICE**.
4. We will grow *larger* through **OUTREACH**.
5. We will grow *stronger* through **WORSHIP**.

Purpose Driven

Objectives

# 5 M's

**MEMBERSHIP**

We incorporate God's family into our fellowship.

**MATURITY**

We grow to become like Christ through discipleship.

**MINISTRY**

We demonstrate God's love through service.

**MISSION**

We communicate God's Word through evangelism.

**MAGNIFICATION**

We celebrate God's Presence 24/7 in worship.

How does the Requel Church (both NT and now) become purpose driven, balanced, and healthy?

A great church has a great **COMMITMENT** to the great **COMMANDMENT** and the great **COMMISSION**.

***The Great Commandment***

Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind...

Love your neighbor as yourself.

Matthew 22:37-40

**MAGNIFICATION**

**Celebrating God's presence by exalting His name.**

"Worship the Lord your God and serve him only." Matthew 4:10 NIV

"O magnify the Lord with me and let us exalt his name together." Psalm 34:3 NASB

**MINISTRY**

**Demonstrating God's love to others by meeting their needs and healing their hurts in the name of Jesus.**

"Equip the saints for the work of ministry." Ephesians 4:12 NIV

**MISSION**

**Communicating God's Word as ambassadors for Christ.**

"Again Jesus said, 'As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.'" John 20:21 NIV

"... and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." Acts 1:8 NIV

**MEMBERSHIP**

**Identification with the Body of Christ.**

"You are members of God's very own family... and you belong in God's household with every other Christian." Ephesians 2:10 LB

**MATURITY**

**Helping people become more like Christ in their thoughts, feelings, and actions.**

"We continue to preach Christ to each person, using all wisdom to warn and to teach everyone, in order to bring each one into God's presence as a mature person in Christ." Colossians 1:28 NCV

***The Great Commission***

Go and make disciples of all nations...

... baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and ...

... teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.

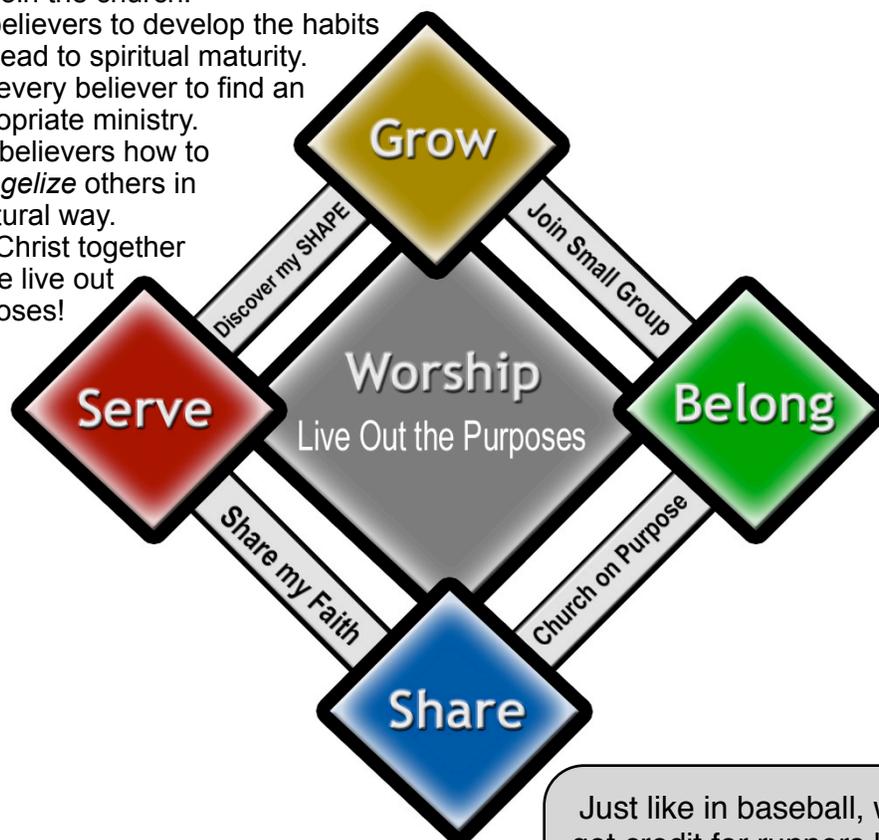
Matthew 28:19-20

## Our Tasks From Our Purposes and Objectives:

Purpose / Objective	Acts 2:42-47	Our Task
Fellowship / Membership	"... devoted to the fellowship ... all the believers were together... they ate together."	<b>ENCOURAGE</b>
Discipleship / Maturity	"They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching."	<b>EDIFY</b>
Service / Ministry	"They gave to anyone as he had need."	<b>EQUIP</b>
Outreach / Mission	"... added to their number daily those who were being saved."	<b>EVANGELIZE</b>
Worship / Magnify	"They devoted themselves to... breaking of bread and prayers... praising God."	<b>EXALT</b>

## Our Purpose-Driven Goals at Church Requel:

1. *Encourage* people to receive Christ, be baptized and join the church.
2. *Edify* believers to develop the habits that lead to spiritual maturity.
3. *Equip* every believer to find an appropriate ministry.
4. Teach believers how to *evangelize* others in a natural way.
5. *Exalt* Christ together as we live out purposes!



Just like in baseball, we don't get credit for runners left on base!

## **Our Statements - Session Five: The Core Values of Church Requel**

*What sets us apart. What makes us unique. What defines us.*

**Value #1:** We love **LIFE TRANSFORMATION**. We love lives changed from the inside out by an authentic relationship with Jesus Christ. There's just nothing cooler than a life transformed by the love and grace of Christ. We sacrifice to see others experience this same life-changing relationship with Jesus that we enjoy.

**Value #2:** We love **GOD'S WORD**. We love to study the Bible, to read it, to talk about it, to think about it. We believe teaching and learning from God's Word should be central to what we do as a community of Christ-followers.

**Value #3:** We love **CHURCH FELLOWSHIP**. We love being together with each other. We come early to church and we stay late. We love knowing, supporting, and befriending others from Church Requel. We look for opportunities to hang out together and to serve one another beyond worship services.

**Value #4:** We love **CONTEMPORARY MUSIC**. We love contemporary worship. We worship in many ways beyond music. We affirm other churches who value different worship styles. However, we enjoy worshipping God together using new songs and music relevant to our culture.

**Value #5:** We love **COMMUNION AND PRAYER**. We view both as important elements of our worship service. We these are included with authenticity and reflection, they give us the opportunity to keep Christ at the center of our church.

**Value #6:** We love **PARTNERSHIP**. We love serving alongside other churches and ministries. We recognize Church Requel plays a role in the bigger plan of what God is accomplishing in His kingdom, both in our city and worldwide.

**Value #7:** We love **OPPORTUNITY**. We love giving people a chance to discover their talents and God-given gifts. We value excellence, while understanding failure and encouraging continued growth.

**Value #8:** We love **AUTHENTICITY**. We love transparency both in seekers and in believers. We encourage people to come to Church Requel without masking their emotions or their thinking. We love it when people come as they are without pretense. We believe that genuine questions and honest doubts pave the way to an authentic relationship with Christ.

## **Our Statements - Session Six: The Essential Beliefs of Church Requel**

In ESSENTIAL beliefs we **HAVE UNITY**.

“There is one body and one Spirit... There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism;  
there is one God and Father of all...” Ephesians 4:4-6 (GNT)

In NONESSENTIAL beliefs we **HAVE LIBERTY**.

"Accept him whose faith is weak, without passing judgment on disputable matters...Who are you to judge someone else's servant? To his own master he stands or falls...So then each of us will give an account to himself to God... So whatever you believe about these things keep between yourself and God."  
Romans 14:1,4,12,22 (NIV)

In ALL our beliefs we **SHOW LOVE**.

"...if I hold in my mind not only all human knowledge but also the very secrets of God, and if I have the faith that can move mountains - but have no love, I amount to nothing at all." 1 Corinthians 13:2 (PH)

### **Church Requel's Statement of Faith (What We Believe)**

#### **THE SCRIPTURES INSPIRED**

The sole basis of our beliefs is the Bible, composed of the sixty-six books of the Old and New Testament. We believe that Scripture in its entirety originated with God, and that it was given through the instrumentality of chosen men. Scripture thus at one and the same time speaks with the authority of God and reflects the backgrounds, styles and vocabularies of the human authors. We hold that the Scriptures are infallible and inerrant in the original manuscripts. They are the unique, full and final authority on all matters of faith and practice and there are no other writings similarly inspired by God. (2 Tim. 3:15, 17; 1 Pet. 1:23-25; Hebrews 4:12).

#### **THE TRINITY**

We believe that there is one living and true God, eternally existing in three persons, that they are equal in every divine perfection, and that they execute distinct but harmonious offices in the work of creation, providence, and redemption (Matthew 3:16-17; Matthew 28:19; 2 Cor. 13:14).

## **GOD – God, The Father**

We believe that there is one true, holy God, eternally existing in three persons - Father, Son and Holy Spirit - each of Whom possess equally all the attributes of deity and the characteristics of personality. In the beginning God created the world out of nothing and all the things therein, thus manifesting the glory of His power, wisdom and goodness. By His sovereign power He continues to sustain His creation. By His providence He is operating throughout history to fulfill His redemptive purpose (Genesis 1:1; 2:7; Exodus 3:14; 6:2-3; 15:11; 20:1; Leviticus 22:2; Deuteronomy 6:4; 32:6; 1 Chronicles 29:10; Psalm 19:1-3; Isaiah 43:3,15; 64:8; Jeremiah 10:10; 17:13; Matthew 6:9; 7:11; 23:9; 28:19; Mark 1:9-11; John 4:24; 5:26; 14:6-13; 17:1-8; Acts 1:7; Romans 8:14-15; 1 Corinthians 8:6; Galatians 4:6; Ephesians 4:6; Colossians 1:15; 1 Timothy 1:17; Hebrews 11:6; 12:9; 1 Peter 1:17; 1 John 5:7).

## **JESUS CHRIST – The Son of God**

Jesus Christ is the eternal second Person of the Trinity who was united forever with a true human nature by a miraculous conception and virgin birth. He lived a life of perfect obedience to the Father and voluntarily atoned for the sins of the all by dying on the cross as their substitute, thus satisfying divine justice and accomplishing salvation for all who trust in Him alone. He rose from the dead in the same body, though glorified, in which He lived and died. He ascended into heaven, and sat down at the right hand of the Father, where He, the only Mediator between God and man, continually makes intercession for His own. He shall come again to earth, personally and visibly, to consummate history and the eternal plan of God (Matthew 1:18-23; 3:17; 8:29; 11:27; 14:33; 16:16,27; 17:5; 27; 28:1-6,19; Mark 1:1; 3:11; Luke 1:35; 4:41; 22:70; 24:46; John 1:1-18,29; 10:30,38; 11:25-27; 12:44-50; 14:7-11; 16:15-16,28; 17:1-5, 21-22; 20:1-20,28; Acts 1:9; 2:22-24; 7:55-56; 9:4-5,20; Romans 1:3-4; 3:23-26; 5:6-21; 8:1-3,34; 10:4; 1 Corinthians 1:30; 2:2; 8:6; 15:1-8,24-28; 2 Corinthians 5:19-21; 8:9; Galatians 4:4-5; Ephesians 1:20; 3:11; 4:7-10; Philippians 2:5-11; Colossians 1:13-22; 2:9; 1 Thessalonians 4:14-18; 1 Timothy 2:5-6; 3:16; Titus 2:13-14; Hebrews 1:1-3; 4:14-15; 7:14-28; 9:12-15,24-28; 12:2; 13:8; 1 Peter 2:21-25; 3:22; 1 John 1:7-9; 3:2; 4:14-15; 5:9; 2 John 7-9; Revelation 1:13-16; 5:9-14; 12:10-11; 13:8; 19:16).

## **THE HOLY SPIRIT – The Spirit of God**

The essential accompaniment of a genuine saving relationship with Jesus Christ is a life of holiness and obedience, attained by Christ followers as they submit to the Holy Spirit, the third Person of the Trinity. He was sent into the world by the Father and the Son to apply to mankind the saving work of Christ. He enlightens the minds of sinners, awakens in them recognition of their need of a Savior and regenerates them. At the point of salvation He permanently indwells every Christ follower to become the source of assurance, strength and wisdom, and uniquely endows each Christ follower with gifts for the building up of the body. The Holy Spirit guides Christ followers in understanding and applying the Scripture. His power and control are appropriated by faith, making it possible for the Christ follower to lead a life of Christ-like character and to bear fruit to the glory of the Father (Genesis 1:2; Judges 14:6; Job 26:13; Psalms 51:11; 139:7ff.; Isaiah 61:1-3; Joel 2:28-32; Matthew 1:18; 3:16; 4:1; 12:28-32; 28:19; Mark 1:10,12; Luke 1:35; 4:1,18-19; 11:13; 12:12; 24:49; John 4:24; 14:16-17,26; 15:26; 16:7-14; Acts 1:8; 2:1-4,38; 4:31; 5:3; 6:3; 7:55; 8:17,39; 10:44; 13:2; 15:28; 16:6; 19:1-6; Romans 8:9-11,14-16,26-27; 1 Corinthians 2:10-14; 3:16; 12:3-11,13; Galatians 4:6; Ephesians 1:13-14; 4:30; 5:18; 1 Thessalonians 5:19; 1 Timothy 3:16; 4:1; 2 Timothy 1:14; 3:16; Hebrews 9:8,14; 2 Peter 1:21; 1 John 4:13; 5:6-7; Revelation 1:10; 22:17).

## **MAN - HIS FALL AND REDEMPTION**

Man is the special creation of God, made in His own image. He created them male and female as the crowning work of His creation. The gift of gender is thus part of the goodness of God's creation. In the beginning man was innocent of sin and was endowed by his Creator with freedom of choice. By his free choice man sinned against God and brought sin into the human race. Through the temptation of Satan man transgressed the command of God, and fell from his original innocence whereby his posterity inherit a nature and an environment inclined toward sin. Therefore, as soon as they are capable of moral action, they become transgressors and are under condemnation. Only the grace of God can bring man into His holy fellowship and enable man to fulfill the creative purpose of God. The sacredness of human personality is evident in that God created man in His own image, and in that Christ died for man; therefore, every person of every race possesses full dignity and is worthy of respect and Christian love (Genesis 1:26-30; 2:5,7,18-22; 3; 9:6; Psalms 1; 8:3-6; 32:1-5; 51:5; Isaiah 6:5; Jeremiah 17:5; Matthew 16:26; Acts 17:26-31; Romans 1:19-32; 3:10-18,23; 5:6,12,19; 6:6; 7:14-25; 8:14-18,29; 1 Corinthians 1:21-31; 15:19,21-22; Ephesians 2:1-22; Colossians 1:21-22; 3:9-11).

## **THE SALVATION OF MAN: Conditions of Salvation**

The central purpose of God's revelation in Scripture is to call all people into fellowship with Himself. Originally created to have fellowship with God, man defied God, choosing to go his independent way, and was thus alienated from God, and he suffered the corruption of his nature, rendering him unable to please God. The fall took place at the beginning of human history, and all individuals since have suffered these consequences and are thus in need of the saving grace of God. The salvation of mankind is, then, wholly a work of God's free grace, not the result, in whole or in part, of human works or goodness, and must be personally appropriated by repentance and faith. When God begins a saving work in the heart of any person, He gives assurance in His Word that He will continue performing it until the day of its full consummation (Titus 2:11; 3:5-7; Ro. 10:13-15; Luke 24:47).

## **THE SALVATION OF MAN: Evidences of Salvation**

The inward evidence to the Christ follower of his/her salvation is the direct witness of the Spirit (Romans 8:16). The outward evidence to all men is a life of holiness (1 Thess. 4:7, 2 Tim.1:9).

## **THE CHURCH**

The corollary of union with Jesus Christ is that all Christ followers become members of His body, the church. There is one true church universal, comprised of all those who acknowledge Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. The Scripture commands Christ followers to gather together to devote themselves to worship, prayer, teaching of the Word, and the observance of baptism and communion. Christ followers are also to gather for fellowship, service to the body through the development and use of talents and gifts, and outreach to the world (Matthew 16:15-19; 18:15-20; Acts 2:41-42,47; 5:11-14; 6:3-6; 13:1-3; 14:23,27; 15:1-30; 16:5; 20:28; Romans 1:7; 1 Corinthians 1:2; 3:16; 5:4-5; 7:17; 9:13-14; 12; Ephesians 1:22-23; 2:19-22; 3:8-11,21; 5:22-32; Philippians 1:1; Colossians 1:18; 1 Timothy 2:9-14; 3:1-15; 4:14; Hebrews 11:39-40; 1 Peter 5:1-4; Revelation 2-3; 21:2-3).

## **THE ORDINANCES – Baptism and The Lord's Supper (Communion)**

We believe that Jesus Christ has committed two ordinances to the local church: baptism and the Lord's Supper. We believe that Christian baptism is the immersion of a Christ follower in water into the name of the triune God. We believe that the Lord's Supper was instituted by Christ for commemoration of his death and that the Lord is spiritually present during the consumption of the elements to reward the Christ follower for his or her faithfulness. We believe the inappropriate consumption of the Lord's Supper is forbidden and warned against by the Apostle Paul. These two ordinances should be observed and administered until the return of the Lord Jesus Christ (Matthew 3:13-17; 26:26-30; 28:19-20; Mark 1:9-11; 14:22-26; Luke 3:21-22; 22:19-20; John 3:23; Acts 2:41-42; 8:35-39; 16:30-33; 20:7; Romans 6:3-5; 1 Corinthians 10:16,21; 11:23-29; Colossians 2:12).

## **CHRISTIAN CONDUCT**

We believe that a Christ follower should live for the glory of God and the well-being of their fellow person; that their conduct should be blameless before the world; that they should be a faithful steward of their possessions; and that they should seek to realize for themselves the full stature of maturity in Christ (Hebrews 12:14; 1 Peter 1:15,16; 1 Thess. 5:23,24; 1 John 2:6).

## **MINISTRY**

Divinely called and Scripturally ordained ministry has been provided by our Lord for a two-fold purpose: (1) The evangelization of the world, and (2) The edification of the Body of Christ (Mark 15:16,20; Ephesians 4:11-13).

## **RELIGIOUS LIBERTY**

We believe that every human being has direct relations with God, and is responsible to God alone in all matters of faith; that each church is independent and must be free from interference by any ecclesiastical or political authority; that therefore Church and State must be kept separate as they each have different functions, each fulfilling its duties free from dictation or patronage of the other (Genesis 1:27; 2:7; Matthew 6:6-7,24; 16:26; 22:21; John 8:36; Acts 4:19-20; Romans 6:1-2; 13:1-7; Galatians 5:1,13; Philippians 3:20; 1 Timothy 2:1-2; James 4:12; 1 Peter 2:12-17; 3:11-17; 4:12-19).

## **THE LAST THINGS**

We believe in the personal and visible return of the Lord Jesus Christ to earth and the establishment of His kingdom. We believe in the resurrection of the body, the final judgment, the eternal joy of the righteous, and the endless suffering of the wicked. (1 Thessalonians 4:16; Romans 6:23; Titus 2:13; 1 Corinthians 15:51,52).