

King Street Church

2019-2028



MISSION • VISION • DISCIPLESHIP

From Pastor Jody

This booklet took several years to create. Or perhaps better said, the important contents of this booklet took several years to create. It is the result of dozens of meetings, and hundreds of combined hours. And it is very specific — very unique to King Street Church.

Back in early 2016, just months after coming to King Street as your senior pastor, I asked the elders if they would journey with me toward a fresh and clear articulation of some very important declarations in the life of our church. This was no simple task. I suppose the job could have been made much easier by looking at other church websites and borrowing some words and phrases that caught our eye and seemed to apply. But that wasn't our goal. We didn't want "a mission statement" or "a list of values." We wanted to put words to OUR mission. We wanted to discern OUR values. We asked God to show us what OUR vision is to be. We wanted to look back into our past to gain a sense of our unique DNA as a church — and look up into the face of God to see what He would show us about our present and our future.

Our mission became apparent almost immediately. The words of our mission came to us almost as if God had written them in the sky: **to engage and bless our community with the Gospel.** This is why we exist as a church. It is the way we corporately live out the Great Commission to go into all the world — and most especially our little corner of the world here in Franklin County — and make disciples of all people.

Our core values crystallized around three statements that seemed to be at the very heart of everything we hold dear as a church: to be spiritually alive in Christ; to be relationally connected by Christ; and to be missionally engaged for Christ. Underneath these

values lie three essential questions: Who am I worshipping? Who is my community? Who am I serving? We believe that to properly answer these questions is to be on the path of discipleship.

But there's more. This mission and these values speak to the mind and the heart of King Street Church. But what about our hands and our feet? How do we LIVE THESE THINGS OUT in our daily lives? Where do we hope this mission and these values take us in the next ten years? It's not enough to answer the WHY question — we also need to answer the HOW.

This is precisely the reason this booklet was created. It's a "how to" manual. We don't want you to simply read through this material once, and then put it on the shelf. We want you to internalize this vision, and live out these practices in your daily life. We believe these commitments and daily practices are timeless, and will help shape you into the kind of disciple that Jesus can use to truly make a difference in this world.

Each and every Sunday I encourage us all to "live the call." This booklet shows you exactly what it looks like to do that. It's the kind of church I believe all of us are longing to be a part of!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Pastor Joy". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized "J" and "Y".

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Our Mission

To engage and
bless our
community with
the Gospel.

Our 10 Year Vision

2019-2028

In the next ten years, King Street Church will create and establish clear and intentional pathways of discipleship development to equip the church for engaging and blessing our community with the Gospel. We will shift our emphasis to become a church family where everyone is purposefully using their spiritual gifts to live out God's call on their lives.

As we work toward accomplishing this vision, we believe the result will be spiritual growth, restoration from brokenness and the healing of families. As Jesus' light shines through us into the darkness of our community, we believe we will see many come to know Him as their Savior, Lord and Friend. Jesus will be THE beacon in the midst of our city! And we want to be a part of this work, leading the way!

In a changing time for our culture, city and church, we will need to stay constant in lifting up God's Word as true. We will need to move toward a unified way of learning who we are as Christ-followers. In developing a heart for service that shows a sacrifice of time, money and energy, we will need to discover and apply our spiritual gifts. We believe this must be done both

intentionally and together! Our effectiveness will come with much prayer, flexibility, reflection and accountability.

Ten years from now, we believe God will be using the people of King Street Church to shine His hope and healing into all corners of our community and beyond as we grow and live with purpose while using our gifts.

Why This Booklet?

We believe that Jesus living in us empowers us to carry His message and to display His character to others in the church as well as a watching world. In seeking direction, structure and accountability for our lives as believers in Christ, we affirm that our salvation is by His grace alone, through faith and not a result of our works.

As the Holy Spirit allows, partners of King Street Church and participants in her vision will be marked by Spiritual Life, Relational Connection, and Missional Engagement. We encourage all to adopt these intentional attitudes and behaviors that support growth as followers of Jesus.

This guide is not meant to be a performance review as though our salvation depends on it. Rather it is an acknowledgement that as we live out our faith in the context of where we see God taking us as a church family, we believe we will see these things as the fruit of our lives, individually and together.

Spiritually Alive in Christ

Who am I worshipping?

Everyone engages in worship. To worship is to ascribe worth to something or someone. We can worship money, status, sports teams... but biblical worship turns that affection to God. Biblical worship is the full-life response (heart, soul, strength, and mind) to who God is and what He has done.

True worship, in other words, is defined by the priority we place on who God is in our lives and where God is on our list of priorities. The essence of worship is to know God truly and then respond from the heart to that knowledge by valuing God above all earthly things. And then this joyful satisfaction in God overflows in acts of praise and acts of love in serving others for the sake of Christ.

In light of this, it is abundantly clear that only Jesus Christ is worthy of our worship!

SPIRITUALLY ALIVE IN CHRIST

LOVE: I am loving, honoring and worshipping Jesus Christ above all else in my life.



How do I respond to Christ's love in my daily living?



Matthew 22:36-40; Luke 6:46; John 14:21;
2 Corinthians 5:14-15



I can identify ways I am growing in love for God with all my heart, soul, strength, and mind.

SACRIFICE: I give sacrificially of my resources to support the Lord's work.



How does my giving reflect the generosity of God who gave everything for me?



Mark 12:41-44; 2 Corinthians 9:6-7



I am currently giving _____ directly to the increase of God's Kingdom (time, talent, money, etc).

OBEDIENCE: I submit to Jesus Christ as His disciple seeking to live a life of obedience to Him.



Do I obey out of fear, duty or love?



Romans 6:17-18; Galatians 2:20; Ephesians 5:1-2;
Philippians 2:5-11



I can identify one new area of my life each month where I am choosing obedience (relationships, entertainment, thoughts, generosity, etc).

PRAYER: I am a person of individual and corporate prayer.



In what ways do I value prayer?



Psalm 34:15; Psalm 143:1; Isaiah 55:6; Mark 1:35;
Ephesians 6:18; Philippians 4:6-7



I engage daily in intentional times of prayer (worship, confession, gratitude, requests, etc).

SCRIPTURE: I am a student of the Bible and submit myself to its authority in my life.



How do I respond to the authority of Scripture in my life and its implications for me?



Isaiah 55:10-11; 2 Timothy 3:16; Hebrews 4:12



I have a daily plan to read, study, apply and meditate on God's Word (time, place, passage, response, etc).

"We do not segment our lives, giving some time to God, some to our business or schooling, while keeping parts to ourselves. The idea is to live all of our lives in the presence of God, under the authority of God, and for the honor and glory of God. That is what the Christian life is all about."

— R. C. SPROUL —

My Commitments

In this area, record your personal, unique commitments to the Lord for living **Spiritually Alive in Christ**:

LOVE: _____

SACRIFICE: _____

OBEDIENCE: _____

PRAYER: _____

SCRIPTURE: _____

“God created me and you to live with a single, all-embracing, all-transforming passion — namely, a passion to glorify God by enjoying and displaying his supreme excellence in all spheres of life.”

— JOHN PIPER —

"The greatest issue facing the world today, with all its heartbreaking needs, is whether those who are identified as Christians will become disciples — students, apprentices, practitioners — of Jesus Christ, steadily learning from him how to live the life of the Kingdom of the Heavens into every corner of human existence."

— DALLAS WILLARD —



Relationally Connected by Christ

Who is my community?

John Donne said, “No man is an island.” But when it comes to the Christian life, many people keep it hidden and private, relegating matters of the spiritual to the silent and secret parts of life. To admit that we don’t have our spiritual acts together seems like a shameful admission of ignorance and weakness. But let’s face it; who really has their act together?

What keeps us from true fellowship is a wrong perspective on the body of Christ: we see it as a gathering of saints, before we recognize it as a group of sinners. We think that everyone else has arrived at a point of saintly holiness and spiritual perfection, so we are ashamed by our growth - or lack of it. But no one is perfect. We are all fallen, and **we need each other!** Gathering with other believers benefits us with mutual support and encouragement, shared learning, friendship, accountability, opportunities to love and serve one another, opportunities to love and serve our community and the world, and so much more!

CELEBRATION: I am worshipping weekly at KSC, even when to do so requires a sacrifice.



How is God honored by my participation in corporate worship and service?



1 Chronicles 29:10-13; Hebrews 10:24-25;
Revelation 5:9-14



I am faithful to prepare for and attend worship at KSC.

COMMUNITY: I am invested in an L3 Group for growth, accountability, care and mission.



How important is my relationship with other believers?



Proverbs 27:17; Matthew 18:20; John 13:34-35;
Acts 2:42-47; Galatians 6:2



I attend my L3 group at least 2x/month and prioritize attendance over other commitments.

TRUTH: I am striving to speak the truth in love at all times.



How am I living a life of grace, repentance, forgiveness and reconciliation?



Ephesians 4:15; Philippians 4:8; 1 John 3:18;
James 5:16



I am invested in the life of someone different than myself who can speak truth into my life.

FORGIVENESS: I am living the life of a peacemaker.



How am I searching my heart for brokenness with God and others?



Matthew 5:9; Romans 12:3, 18; Philipians 2:3-5;
Colossians 3:12-15



I am pursuing restoration in broken relationships in my life (God, family, friends, coworkers, neighbors, etc).

ACCOUNTABILITY: I am growing in honesty and vulnerability within my trusted relationships.



Am I open to allowing others to speak intentionally into my life?



Proverbs 27:17; Galatians 6:1-2; Colossians 3:16-17;
1 Thessalonians 5:11



I can identify one person other than my spouse who provides monthly accountability (friend, family member, mentor, L3 group member, etc).

“True discipleship involves deep relationships.
Jesus didn't simply lead a weekly Bible study.
He lived life with His disciples and taught through
actions as well as words.”

— FRANCIS CHAN —

My Commitments

In this area, record your personal, unique commitments to the Lord for living **Relationally Connected by Christ**:

CELEBRATION: _____

COMMUNITY: _____

TRUTH: _____

FORGIVENESS: _____

ACCOUNTABILITY: _____



We are convinced that the primary discipleship pathway for accomplishing our 10 year vision is L3 Groups.

L3 Groups are discipleship communities of 6-12 people who meet at least twice a month for the purpose of sharing life together in 3 ways: LOVING one another, LEARNING together, and LAUNCHING ministry as we encourage one another in our spiritual gifts.

Loving: In John 13:34-35 Jesus says, “A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you so you much love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples.”

Learning: In John 8:31-32 Jesus says, “If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”

Launching: In John 20:21 Jesus says, “As the Father has sent me, I send you.”

We clearly discern the call of Jesus to His followers to give priority to building community, growing together, and spurring one another on toward love and good deeds. To live out this vision at King Street Church we commit to active participation in an L3 Group.

"Salvation is free, but discipleship costs everything we have."

— **BILLY GRAHAM** —

"I have one desire now — to live a life of reckless abandon for the Lord, putting all my energy and strength into it."

— **ELISABETH ELLIOT** —

Missionally Engaged for Christ

Who am I serving?

Every Christian is “on mission for God.” We are most like Jesus when we are serving others in His name. We demonstrate our thankfulness to Him by willingly and humbly entering into the lives of others to serve their needs, share in their suffering, and proclaim the Good News. We can become a helper, a listening ear, an encourager, a prayer partner, an evangelist, a confidant, or even a defender. We experience great joy when we bring the reality of Jesus’ grace and love to the very ones who need it most.

As followers of Jesus our missional service is unique for three reasons. First, it is unique in its source. That source is our redemption in Christ. Second, it is unique in its objective, which is to model Christ’s kind of servanthood. Third, it is unique in its character, for it is motivated by God’s holy-love. In the church we seek to recognize ministry potential in each other, and actively assist in launching every person forward into service.

EDIFY: I am growing in my understanding of my spiritual gifts to serve the body of Christ.



How am I finding life in using my giftedness in the Body of Christ?



Romans 12:1-2; Romans 15:2; 1 Corinthians 12:4-7; Ephesians 4:11-16



I can identify specific ways I use my gifts in my church, family, work and community (mercy, discernment, teaching, hospitality, helps, etc).

MINISTRY: I am serving in a ministry of KSC or a partner organization within my giftedness.



How has God burdened me for a particular place, people and/or ministry?



Romans 12:4-8; Galatians 5:13; 1 Corinthians 12:4-7



I can identify at least one area of ongoing ministry that I am investing in (children, students, adults, missions, local partners, prayer, etc).

MISSION: I am looking for ways to be the hands and feet of Jesus in my areas of influence.



How do I respond to the needs I see in my community outside of KSC?



Isaiah 6:8, Matthew 25:40, Acts 1:8, Galatians 6:9



I can identify at least one way God is using me to meet needs of others on a consistent basis.

GOSPEL: I will learn the Gospel well.



How is the Gospel taking deeper root in my life?



Romans 10:9-10; 1 Corinthians 15:1-4;
Colossians 4:2-6; 1 Peter 3:13-15



I can clearly articulate the Gospel message to others.

WITNESS: I am seeking opportunities to share the Gospel with those in my path.



Am I motivated to share the Gospel with others?



Matthew 28:18-20; John 20:21; Romans 10:14-15;
1 Corinthians 9:19-23



I pursue friendships with non-believers and seek opportunities to share the Gospel.

"You are the only Bible that some unbelievers
will ever read."

— JOHN MACARTHUR —

"The Great Commission is not an option to be
considered, but a command to be obeyed."

— J. HUDSON TAYLOR —

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In this area, record your personal, unique commitments to the Lord for living **Missionally Engaged for Christ**:

EDIFY: _____

MINISTRY: _____

MISSION: _____

GOSPEL: _____

WITNESS: _____

"I simply argue that the cross of Christ be raised again at the center of the marketplace as well as on the steeple of the church. I am recovering the claim that Jesus was not crucified in a cathedral between two candles, but on a cross between two thieves; on a town garbage heap; at a crossroads so cosmopolitan that they had to write His title in Hebrew and Latin and Greek... at the kind of place where cynics talk smut, and thieves curse, and soldiers gamble. And because this is where He died and this is what He died for, this is where the church ought to be and what the church ought to be about."

— GEORGE MACLEOD —



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