

GOALS FOR 3 YEARS PREACHING PLAN

Hoped for outcomes:

- **Love God** -- we seek to foster a community loving God in Spirit and Truth more and more deeply personally and together.
 - *Know the Biblical Story*
 - We want people to know the whole Biblical story, how it works, and where we fit in it.
 - This will equip them with a Biblical worldview
 - This will naturally focus on Jesus
 - We want people to know how to interact with the Bible
 - People have the skills to read the Bible well and the Spirit to encounter God in the text
 - *Love the God of the Story*
 - We want people to have a orthodox theology of the foundational theological truths of the Christian faith.
 - We want people to be drawn to worship God with their whole heart, mind, soul, and strength.
 - *Practice walking with the God of the Story*
 - We want people to practice the disciplines of loving God well, Biblical study, prayer, fasting, corporate worship, etc.
- **Grow Together** -- We seek for people to grow both in depth of Christ like formation personally and to grow in depth of Christian community together.
 - Grow in Personal Christ-like maturity
 - *Know their identity in Christ*
 - We want people to view themselves rightly especially in regards to their value and purpose.
 - We want people to know how the Spirit has gifted and called them.
 - *Love who Jesus is making them to be*
 - We want people to be excited about the Spirit forming the fruits of the Spirit in their life.
 - We want people to let God engage with the variety of emotions in life: anxiety, depression, anger, guilt, shame, wonder, awe, celebration, joy, etc
 - *Practice making space for Jesus to grow them further*
 - Practice spiritual disciplines to support further growth
 - Practice rest and boundaries in accordance with Sabbath principle
 - Practice healthy patterns mentally, emotionally, and physically
 - Practice healthy patterns with the time and financial resources in their lives
 - Grow in Community Christ-like maturity
 - *Know the identity and purpose of the community*
 - We want people to have a Biblical vision for the church and not a consumer oriented vision.

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- We want people to have a Biblical vision for the relationships in their lives, marriage, family, and friendships
- *Love the community God places them in*
 - We want people to grow in depth of love for the bride of Christ.
 - We want people to grow in love towards the family and friends they do life with.
- *Practice healthy community life*
 - We want people to practice healthy Christian community in loving well, serving, truth speaking, apologizing and forgiving.
 - We want people equipped for healthy conflict.
 - We want people prepared for marriage or singleness.
 - We want people prepared for parenthood.
- **Care for the World** - We seek for people to express the creative love of God through word in deed in every facet of life.
 - *Know how Mission is central to God's work in this world. All things made by Christ, upheld in Christ, and finding their ultimate purpose in Christ.*
 - Know the place of Mission in the entire Bible
 - Know the competing worldviews with Christianity
 - Know how God's Kingdom touches on all facets of life
 - Know how their own vocation and calling fits into God's mission
 - *Love God's world the way God does*
 - Have a personal passion for evangelism and discipleship
 - Have deep compassion for the hurting, broken, and marginalized
 - *Practice carrying forward God's mission*
 - Practice relational evangelism with those in their lives
 - Serve those in need; the widow, orphan, and foreigners of our day
 - Practice excellence in vocational calling
 - Express rightful care for God's Creation
 - Support God's mission expressed through the local and global church with resources
 - Be good citizens of the world, informed about the issues of the day
 - Participate in racial/gender/class reconciliation in our community

GOALS FOR OUR APPROACH:

Balanced diet in overall content

- There is OT and NT
- Gospels and Letters
- Exegetical and topical
- Throughout, a focus on the person of Jesus

Balanced diet in voices

- While Christian and Tim are the main teachers we want to supplement that with other voices as well, especially women and ethnic minorities

Work with Church Calendar and local rhythms

- Begin fall with vision series
- Begin new series in late Sept/early Oct for students
- Have more intellectual series through the fall
- Mark Advent together
- Mark Lent together
- Missions Month
- Have a more ala carte series in summer as people travel

Critical Timely Issues to address

- Healthy Sexuality
- Discerning Vocation
- How to live in pluralistic time, other religions/beliefs
- Politics – the church and our overly partisan age
- Mental health
 - Depression, Anxiety, Body Image, etc
- Racial righteousness
- How to use technology well
 - Digital health