



Trinity's mission statement is a short and memorable phrase that tries to say a lot using only a few words.

Here's what it means:

First, we believe people have been created by God in order to fulfill his glorious purpose. This purpose is described in the Westminster Shorter Catechism which explains, "Man's chief end is to glorify God and to enjoy him forever." Therefore, we believe first people *Exist* for God and that we can only find true enjoyment in him.

Second, the Bible explains that people were created to fulfill God's mandate in the world. This Cultural Mandate was described in Genesis 1:28 when God created people, telling us to "fill the earth and subdue it." As God's image bearers in the world, mankind is to represent the character of God in our families, our communities, our culture and our world. In other words, we are to *Experience* God in all that we do. The life lived with God is a life filled with true enjoyment.

Third, we believe Christ's church plays a key part in the fulfillment of God's plan. As God's people we are to help everyone *Demonstrate* God's love. This was at the heart of God's Great Command to "love God and love people" in Matthew 22:35-40. When people demonstrate God's love to one another we experience the kind of lasting relationships we were meant to have.

Fourth, the church's mission to help people necessitates that we *Share* what we have with other people. This is just one of the main points behind Jesus' Great Commission to help all the people of the world enjoy God. In Matthew 28:19-20, Jesus told his apostles to both "go" into the world and to "baptize" new believers so that our friends can share in the blessings of God along with the rest of us.

Finally, we believe that the true power to accomplish these purposes is found in *God's Great Gospel* – the Bible. The Bible tells us all we need to know about this life including why people and the universe were created, how we got where we are today, and where history will take us in the future. The word *gospel* literally means "good news." Since people brought sin, suffering and death into the world, the "good news" is God sent his only son to provide a sacrifice for our sins, heal our pain through eternal life, and destroy death by resurrecting our mortal bodies at the end of time when Jesus returns. Through our faith in these truths God brings us into his story and God's Spirit comes alive in our hearts so that we can know God's true life and fulfill our purpose to experience, demonstrate and share God's great Gospel.

Here's a list of our core values using the acronym TRINITY FELLOWSHIP:

- T**ruth: We hold to the authority found in God's Word (the Bible) and believe in instruction that inspires us to personal growth and the life that God desires (John 14:6; Acts 1:8; 2 Timothy 3:16-17).
- R**elevant: We value coming to God as we are so that he can do extraordinary things through our lives (Acts 4:13; Romans 5:8; 1 Corinthians 9:22).
- I**nspirational: We believe God's Spirit is the gift through which we are comforted, healed and guided with wisdom, strength and courage (John 14:15-17, 25-31; Acts 2:38, 4:31; Titus 3:5).
- N**arrative: We value God's great Gospel and how our individual lives become part of his redemptive story (Jeremiah 29:11; Romans 1:1-6; 2 Corinthians 5:17; Philippians 1:6; 1 Peter 1:16-21).
- I**nvolved: We are committed to serving people with the compassion found in the Gospels, so our lives reflect Christ's love in our community and the world (Acts 6:1-7; 2 Corinthians 1:3-4; Colossians 3:12-14).
- T**eaching: We desire to fulfill Jesus' commission to disciple the nations by helping others grow into Christ-like maturity (Matthew 28:19-20; Corinthians 15:1-4; Ephesians 4:7, 11-13; Titus 2:1).
- Y**ield: We value giving our time, talents, and resources to God because he has given everything to us (Acts 4:32-34a; Romans 12:3-8; Philippians 2:3).

- F**amily: We believe in the church equipping families for kingdom living and nurturing one another through the principles found in the Bible (Acts 16:29-34; Ephesians 3:14-19, 4:15-16).
- E**njoyment: We are committed to experiencing the fullness of joy that comes from honoring God with our lives (John 3:16, 17:3, 10:10, 15:11; Acts 2:46b-47a).
- L**ove: We believe in cultivating deep Christ-centered community and friendships filled with acceptance, security, sharing and intimacy (John 13:34-35; Acts 2:42-47, 4:32-37; 1 Corinthians 13:1-8a; 1 John 2:3-11).
- L**eadership: We are committed to the style of leadership found in the example Jesus set forth to us as a servant (Matthew 20:25-27; John 13:1-17; Philippians 2:1-11).
- O**utreach: We desire to share God's story with those around us, living it before everyone so they desire to experience Christ's love (Matthew 5:16; Acts 1:8; 1 Peter 3:15-16).
- W**orship: We value the unquenchable desire to connect with God's Spirit by his leading us into a lifestyle that is more than words and music (John 4:21-24; Romans 12:1; 1 Corinthians 10:31).
- S**halom: We believe in God's empowering peace that provides a blessing of wholeness for all (John 14:27; Acts 5:12-16).
- H**elp: We believe in prayer which builds our relationship with God, giving us faith, comfort, confidence and hope to fulfill our calling (Matthew 6:5-15; John 17:1-26; Acts 4:23-31; Ephesians 1:15-23).
- I**ncrease: We believe our spiritual growth and fruitful living will both complement and enhance God's kingdom (Acts 2:46-47, 4:4, 6:7, 11:23-24, 16:5; Ephesians 4:15-16).
- P**resence: We value being God's representation in our culture, transforming it through God's loving grace and the life-changing power of the gospel (John 1:1, 14; Acts 18:11, 28:30; Romans 12:2).