

# THE WAY

LEARNING TO PRACTICE THE WAYS OF JESUS AT ONE CHAPEL

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ONE CHAPEL

## UNFORCED RHYTHMS OF GRACE

**Acts 2:42-47 NIV** They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. 43 Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. 44 All the believers were together and had everything in common. 45 They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. 46 Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, 47 praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

**We face many of the same problems that they did.**

**That's why we're \_\_\_\_\_.**

**Jesus gave us an invitation...Matthew 11:28-30 MSG** "Are you tired? Worn out? Burned out on religion? Come to me. Get away with me and you'll recover your life. I'll show you how to take a real rest. Walk with me and work with me—watch how I do it. Learn the unforced rhythms of grace. I won't lay anything heavy or ill-fitting on you. Keep company with me and you'll learn to live freely and lightly."

**We want everyone to embrace the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus.**

**Psalms 68:4-6 (NIV)** "Sing to God, sing in praise of his name, extol him who rides on the clouds; rejoice before him—his name is the Lord. A father to the fatherless, a defender of widows, is God in his holy dwelling. God sets the lonely in families, he leads out the prisoners with singing; but the rebellious live in a sun-scorched land."

**The best description of God's people in the Scriptures is a**

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## UNFORCED RHYTHMS OF GRACE

**Q: Why do people feel that they have to project a false image at church?**

**One Chapel is a place where you can BELONG, \_\_\_\_\_ and BECOME.**

**"We help people \_\_\_\_\_ from where they are to where God wants them to be."**

**Q: Have you ever felt stuck in your life? HOW? What did that feel like?**

**We think Church SHOULD BE a little \_\_\_\_\_.**

Everybody's Welcome – Nobody's Perfect – Anything is Possible

**Q: Where are you in your personal journey with God?**

- A. At the beginning
- B. Coming back home
- C. Finding your family
- D. Helping others find their way
- E. Not sure...

**Our Goal Together...**

1. Be with Jesus.
2. Become like Jesus.
3. Do what Jesus did.



# COMMUNITY CONVICTIONS

## THREE GUIDING VALUES:

1. \_\_\_\_\_: **God is present and active all around us.**

**2 Corinthians 3:16-18 MSG** They suddenly recognize that God is a living, personal presence, not a piece of chiseled stone. And when God is personally present, a living Spirit, that old, constricting legislation is recognized as obsolete. We're free of it! All of us! Nothing between us and God, our faces shining with the brightness of his face. And so we are transfigured much like the Messiah, our lives gradually becoming brighter and more beautiful as God enters our lives and we become like him.

**Weekend Services** are for reminding each other that God is present and with us every day.

2. \_\_\_\_\_: **Christianity cannot be practiced as an isolated or individualized spirituality.**

**1 John 4:12 NIV** No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.

**Groups** are a place where we can be fully known and truly loved.

3. \_\_\_\_\_: **The mission of Jesus must be practical and practiced.**

**Matthew 28:19 NIV** Therefore 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.

**Mark 10:43-45 NIV** "...whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

**Team One** is where we grow in servanthood, and practice  
6 identifying and meeting people's needs.

# COMMUNITY CONVICTIONS

## We want to...

- **Be WITH Jesus** (live our days with Him in His presence)
- **Become LIKE Jesus** (love people who are hurting and broken)
- **DO what Jesus DID** (help people discover God's love by serving)

**John 10:10 NIV** The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

"If we want to receive the life of Jesus, we must take on the lifestyle of Jesus." – **John Mark Comer**

## FIVE THINGS WE DO:

1. \_\_\_\_\_: Gathering large groups of people to celebrate what Jesus has done, share vision, receive communion, teach, and train.

2. \_\_\_\_\_: Creating relational community in small groups, where spiritual growth, emotional health, and personal discipleship can take place.

3. \_\_\_\_\_: Serving others with our spiritual gifts, abilities, and talents so that the Body of Christ is taken care of, needs are met, and people grow.

4. \_\_\_\_\_: Forming a generous culture through the biblical practice of "tithes and offerings," for church strength, planting, missions, and benevolence.

5. \_\_\_\_\_: Prioritizing the goal of investing in others, mentoring, coaching, and spiritual formation as the focus of all ministries at One Chapel.



## FRIENDS FOR FREEDOM

### What do you think of when I say the word "FREEDOM?"

**Luke 4:16-21 NIV** He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom. He stood up to read, 17 and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written: 18 "The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, 19 to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." 20 Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him. 21 He began by saying to them, "Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing."

**John 8:31-32 NIV** Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

**Mark 12:29-31 NIV** "The first of all the commandments is: 'Hear, O Israel, the LORD our God, the LORD is one. 30 And you shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.' This is the first commandment. 31 And the second, like it, is this: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these."

**2 Corinthians 3:17 NIV** Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.

1. FREEDOM is not the absence of something, but the presence of \_\_\_\_\_.

Does this idea make you think differently about freedom? How?

2. FREEDOM is not only about proximity, but also about \_\_\_\_\_.

## FRIENDS FOR FREEDOM

**1 Corinthians 3:18 NIV** And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.

3. FREEDOM is essentially a \_\_\_\_\_ process.

**Romans 8:10-11 NIV** And if Christ is in you, the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.

**Galatians 5:13-15 NIV** You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love. For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: "Love your neighbor as yourself." If you bite and devour each other, watch out or you will be destroyed by each other.

**Galatians 5:22-24 NIV** But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

Relationships are both the \_\_\_\_\_ and the **MEASUREMENT** for our Spiritual freedom.

There are TWO obvious places to GROW in FREEDOM at One Chapel:

1. In a \_\_\_\_\_ 2. On a \_\_\_\_\_

What do you need to do to experience greater spiritual freedom in your life?



## YOUR LIFE PURPOSE

### DISCOVER PURPOSE

*"We help people move from where they are to where God wants them to be."*

**Did you have any dreams for your life when you were younger? Share them...Did they come true? Why or why not?**

We need to know \_\_\_\_\_ we're chasing what we're chasing.

**Psalm 139:13-16 NIV** *You know me inside and out, you know every bone in my body; You know exactly how I was made, bit by bit, how I was sculpted from nothing into something. Like an open book, you watched me grow from conception to birth; all the stages of my life were spread out before you, the days of my life all prepared before I'd even lived one day.*

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**Ephesians 1:18-19 NIV** *I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, and his incomparably great power for us who believe.*

Once you know your sacred purpose, you experience \_\_\_\_\_ more fully.

Wherever God's PURPOSE is not known, \_\_\_\_\_ is inevitable.

**Myles Monroe in his book "In Pursuit of Purpose"** says... *"Without purpose, life is an experiment or a haphazard journey that results in frustration, disappointment and failure. Without purpose, life is subjective, or it is a trial and error game that is ruled by environmental influences and the circumstances of the moment."*

## YOUR LIFE PURPOSE

**What kinds of things do you think people use to abuse themselves?**

Your purpose will always be about \_\_\_\_\_.

### HOW DO I DISCOVER MY PURPOSE?

**1. My life** \_\_\_\_\_.

**Romans 12:1-3 MSG** *So here's what I want you to do, God helping you: Take your everyday, ordinary life—your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life—and place it before God as an offering. Embracing what God does for you is the best thing you can do for him. Don't become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead, fix your attention on God. You'll be changed from the inside out. Readily recognize what he wants from you, and quickly respond to it. Unlike the culture around you, always dragging you down to its level of immaturity, God brings the best out of you, develops well-formed maturity in you.*

**2. My gifts and** \_\_\_\_\_.

**Romans 12:6-8 NIV** *We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.*

**3. My** \_\_\_\_\_.

**2 Corinthians 1:3-4 NLT** *All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is our merciful Father and the source of all comfort. He comforts us in all our troubles so that we can comfort others. When they are troubled, we will be able to give them the same comfort God has given us.*





## COME, FOLLOW ME!

**Mark 10:17-22 NIV** And as he was setting out on his journey, a man ran up and knelt before him and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" And Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good except God alone. You know the commandments: 'Do not murder, Do not commit adultery, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Do not defraud, Honor your father and mother.'" And he said to him, "Teacher, all these I have kept from my youth." And Jesus, looking at him, loved him, and said to him, "You lack one thing: go, sell all that you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." Disheartened by the saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.

**Jesus' great call to us is simply, "Come, follow me."**

**FOLLOWING** means \_\_\_\_\_ everything.

**Q: Is there something in your life that keeps you from following or surrendering to Jesus?**

**Luke 14:25-33 MSG** "...Simply put, if you're not willing to take what is dearest to you, whether plans or people, and kiss it good-bye, you can't be my disciple. ..."

**1 John 2:4-6 NIV** Whoever says, "I know him," but does not do what He commands is a liar, and the truth is not in that person. But if anyone obeys his word, love for God is truly made complete in them. This is how we know we are in him: Whoever claims to live in him must live as Jesus did.

**Are you living your life as Jesus lived His life?**

**Q: What is the greatest challenge to living like Jesus in the 21st century ATX?**

**The problem:** We don't BELIEVE Jesus has something

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## COME, FOLLOW ME!

**Mark 10:23-31 NIV** Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God!" 24 The disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! 25 It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." 26 The disciples were even more amazed, and said to each other, "Who then can be saved?" 27 Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but not with God; all things are possible with God." 28 Then Peter spoke up, "We have left everything to follow you!" 29 "Truly I tell you," Jesus replied, "no one who has left home or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields for me and the gospel 30 will fail to receive a hundred times as much in this present age: homes, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and fields—along with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. 31 But many who are first will be last, and the last first."

**He simply wants us to know that " \_\_\_\_\_ " all things are possible!!!**

### FOLLOWING JESUS at ONE CHAPEL

**1. We are \_\_\_\_\_, not Converts**

**Matthew 28:19 NIV** Therefore 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.

**disciple** – (mathétés) means learner, pupil, follower.

"Be with Jesus. Become like Jesus. Do what Jesus did."  
– John Mark Comer

**A disciple is not a convert to a belief system – James 2:19 NIV** You believe that there is one God. Good! Even the demons believe that — and shudder.

**Disciple:** A life-long learner, follower, and friend of Jesus who helps others become a life-long learner, follower, and friend of Jesus.

**Bottom Line:** A disciple is someone who has a deeply **personal** and surrendered **relationship** with Jesus.



## PRACTICES FOR PROTECTION

**What have you learned and how has this group been helpful to you?**

**John 1:14 NIV Grace** = Favor & \_\_\_\_\_  
**Truth** = Obedience & \_\_\_\_\_

**WHAT WE BELIEVE:** One Chapel proclaims the Nicene Creed as our statement of faith. This creed dates to the 4th century A.D. when the Church Fathers came together and composed this formative and definitive statement. The Nicene Creed has stood the test of time as a unifying and centering statement for over 1700 years and has set the standard for what Christians from every stream of the Body of Christ believe. It is more than an intellectual checklist of doctrine; it is a confession of worship that forms us as the people of God and draws us together into the life of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

### THE NICENE CREED

*We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen, and unseen.*

*We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God, begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.*

*Through him all things were made.*

*For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,  
and became truly human.*

*For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.*

*On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.*

## PRACTICES FOR PROTECTION

*He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.*

*We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of Life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.*

*Who with the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the Prophets.*

*We believe in one holy worldwide and apostolic Church.*

*We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.*

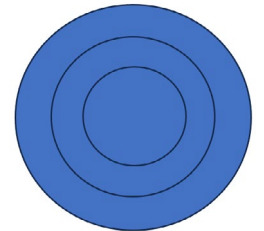
*We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.*

**Did you know the Nicene Creed before One Chapel? What occurs to you about it?**

### CONCENTRIC CIRCLES OF BELIEF

**Essentials:** Christians everywhere can agree.

- *The Bible is God's Word*
- *Jesus is the Son of God.*
- *You must be born again.*
- *You can be Spirit-filled and Spirit-led*



**Interpretations:** Respected points of view on the Scripture.

**Deductions:** Conclusions that may or may not be true.

**Preferences:** Style, personality, traditions, and sentimental activities.

**What are the implications of the Concentric Circles of Belief?**

## PRACTICES FOR PROTECTION

### WORSHIP ON SUNDAYS:

**John 4:24 NIV** *Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks.*

\_\_\_\_\_ : Songs, hymns, corporate prayers, and Scripture readings.

\_\_\_\_\_ : Agreement with God about who He is and who we are.

\_\_\_\_\_ : Remembering and celebrating Christ's death and resurrection.

\_\_\_\_\_ : Exploring the Bible as God's words to train, correct and instruct us.

\_\_\_\_\_ : Engaging God's presence as well as God's people in community.

**We want to be rooted in HISTORY with room for MYSTERY.**

## PRACTICES FOR PROTECTION

### OUR STRUCTURE – Three Elder Roles:

**1. Overseers** (Apostolic Elders): Offering spiritual guidance, leadership expertise, relational support, and accountability for the Lead Pastor.

- **Brady Boyd** – New Life Church, Colorado Springs, CO
- **Rob Brendle** – Denver United, Denver, CO
- **Tom Lane** – Gateway Church, Southlake, TX
- **Britt Hancock** – Mountain Gateway, Dripping Springs, TX

**2. Pastors** (Staff Elders): Providing leadership, vision, and spiritual direction for the equipping, empowering, and releasing of ministry within the church.

- **Ross Parsley**
- **David Campos**
- **Darren Shaw**
- **Zach Silver**
- **Brent Parsley**
- **Rob Stennett**
- **Lore Cottone**
- **Heather Bradley**
- **Zach Parsley**

**3. Directors** (Non-staff Elders): Giving guidance, direction, and approval for the purchase of facilities and the major financial decisions of the church. The Board of Directors approve the yearly budget.

- **Thomas Fedorko**
- **Steve Streitmatter**
- **Gaylon Boyd**
- **Spero Stavros**
- **(Open position)**









