

Discovering
MISSION HILLS CHURCH



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WELCOME

We're so glad you're here! Just being here tells us a lot about you...most importantly, it tells us that you aren't a **spectator**. You're not just here to watch, you're here to play and that's what we're looking for.



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OUR GOAL

The overall goal of Discovering Mission Hills is to answer six key questions:

1. Why are we here?
2. What do we do?
3. How do we behave?
4. Where are we going?
5. How will we get there?
6. What's my part?

Who Are We?

In this session, we're going to answer the questions

“Why are we here?”

“What do we do?” and

“How do we behave?”

We'll be talking a little about the vision, mission, and values of our church.

These are the foundational things on which everything else we do is based.



Our Purpose

**Our *purpose* is the answer to the question:
“Why are we here?”**

It’s a question that has to be answered with a “because.”

Here’s how we answer this question at Mission Hills:

OUR PURPOSE

**We exist because God loves
us and wants us to tell the lost
that He loves them, too.**

We believe that every church has this same purpose. Each church might say it a little differently, but the underlying purpose should be the same, for the simple reason that Jesus, who created the church, was pretty clear about why he was creating it. The very first time Jesus used the word church, speaking to someone who would become the first church leader, this is what he said:

“And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it” (Matt. 16:18).

Clearly, Jesus intended the church to do battle against evil and darkness in the world. And over what territory are we fighting? The hearts and minds of men and women that God loves deeply. And what is our weapon? The gospel:

“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him” (John 3:16-17).

Now, some people believe that the church exists because God wants us to disciple people. We disagree. We’re deeply committed to discipleship, but not as the purpose of the church. Discipleship isn’t the purpose of the church, it’s the only way to fulfill our purpose. If we’re not discipling people...if we’re not helping them take their next step of becoming like Jesus and joining him on mission, we can’t fulfill our purpose. But to say that discipleship is the purpose of the church is like saying that physical fitness is the purpose of the Navy Seals.

The church exists because God loves us and wants us to tell the lost that He loves them, too. We believe that everything we do as a church flows from this understanding of our purpose. As the French say it, this is our *raison d’être*. The worst thing that can happen to a church is that it forgets its foundational purpose... at which point it really ceases to be a church and becomes something else entirely.

Our Mission

**Our *mission* is the answer to the question:
“What do we do?”**

It defines the work we do in order to fulfill our purpose.

Here's how we answer this question at Mission Hills:

OUR MISSION

**We exist to help people become
like Jesus and join him on mission.**

We'll explore the biblical basis for this more in Session #2, but for now, there are two things to know:

1. This mission was given to us directly by Jesus:

“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” (Matt. 28:19-20).

2. This mission is what drives everything we do at Mission Hills.

By the way, this mission is also how we define *discipleship*. Discipleship is the life-long process of taking the next step of becoming like Jesus and joining him on mission.

Questions

1. How do you feel about the emphasis on being on mission with Jesus in your community? Excited, empowered, scared, etc.?
2. What further questions do you have about the vision and mission of Mission Hills Church?

Our Values

Our core values are the answer to the question: “How do we behave?”

These are the things that guide our behaviors and our decision-making.

They are the answer to the question, “how do we behave as we live out our mission as a church?” We can’t do everything, and we’re often faced with deciding between multiple good options. Our vision and our mission often narrow down the options we’re seriously considering, but they won’t always get us to one clear stand-out choice. Our core values often get us the rest of the way.

Our core values also form basis of our church’s culture. You can think of them like the strands of a DNA molecule; as we live them out every day, they shape the culture of our church.

When we talk about our core values, we often say that **we are a crazy generous, daringly creative, intentionally improving, Bible-driven, Kingdom-minded tribe.** While not everything we value is included in this list, there are six core values that really answer the question “how do we behave?”

**WE ARE A
CRAZY GENEROUS,
DARINGLY CREATIVE,
INTENTIONALLY IMPROVING,
BIBLE-DRIVEN,
KINGDOM-MINDED
TRIBE.**

CRAZY GENEROUS

We mirror God's outrageous grace with outrageous giving.

DARINGLY CREATIVE

We brave new territory to advance the gospel.

INTENTIONALLY IMPROVING

We work hard at getting better to honor God and inspire people.

BIBLE DRIVEN

We are compelled by the powerful truth of God's Word.

KINGDOM MINDED

We are all about accomplishing God's mission in the world.

TRIBE

We do together what is too big to pursue alone.

Questions

1. Which of our core values resonates the most with what's important to you personally?
2. Why?

Our Core Ministries

There are three primary ministry areas where we seek to help people become like Jesus and join him on mission in the world.

While Mission Hills is a large church with a long history and lots of different kinds of ministry going on, we work hard to keep everything rooted in our purpose of telling people that God loves them and our mission of helping people become like Jesus and join him on mission.

Though we do have a lot of different kinds of ministry, they all fall into three core areas:

OUR CORE MINISTRIES

1. Weekend Experience
2. Next Gen (Kids + Students)
3. Next Steps

NEXT STEPS RESOURCES

1. Biblical Teaching
2. Discovering Jesus
3. Discovering Mission Hills
4. Discovering Leadership
5. Groups

Who Leads Mission Hills?

Mission Hills is led by a team of **elders**, which includes the lead pastor. **The elders discern, direct and protect the future of the church.** Their job is to make sure Mission Hills is headed in the direction God is calling us and to protect the church from the big things that could derail our mission. The elders establish the strategic direction of Mission Hills as well as protect the integrity of the church's vision, mission, values, and doctrine. Speaking of doctrine, you can find a copy of our Statement of Faith in **Appendix A** at the back of this book.

An **executive staff team**, made up of the lead pastor and a small team of executive pastors/directors are responsible for making the day-to-day decisions necessary to keep the whole church aligned with our purpose, mission, values, vision, and strategy. Staff leaders of each ministry area typically report to a member of the executive team, although some departments report to a more senior leader operating just under an executive leader. For instance, leaders of our student ministries, kids ministries and young adult ministries report to a Next Gen director who reports to an executive pastor.

We also have a **central team** whose purpose is to ensure alignment across all our ministries and progress towards our vision. This team is made up of the leaders of our core ministry areas (those that are replicated in one form or another on all campuses) along with the executive team.

We are one church in multiple locations which we call campuses. Campuses are led by a **campus pastor** who is responsible for leading the staff and congregation of that campus to reach their community with the Gospel. Campus pastors report directly to an executive pastor and are coached and developed by the lead pastor.

History

God's faithfulness and provision have been evident to Mission Hills Church over the past 75 years. Mission Hills Church began as a small Sunday school group meeting at the little, red Curtis Schoolhouse at University and Orchard in June, 1942.

Over the next 65 years, the church continued to grow and reach new people in the community. In 2007 after a season of prayer, Mission Hills sold the facility and was miraculously enabled to purchase property at Broadway and County Line. Our new current Littleton Campus opened in 2010 and has continued to expand our reach both in the community and around the world.

In 2019, having clarified our calling to help people become like Jesus and join him on mission, God gave Mission Hills another season of growth. The church expanded the facilities of its Littleton campus and began to launch multi-site campuses, and expanded our community outreach through our Life Center.



SIMPLE BEGINNINGS AT THE CURTIS SCHOOLHOUSE

The story of our church began in a little red schoolhouse on a country crossroad where the first Sunday School began to meet in July 1942.

Affiliation

We are affiliated with Converge Worldwide, previously known as the Baptist General Conference. Converge is a movement of churches working to help people meet, know and follow Jesus by starting and strengthening churches worldwide. For over 165 years, Converge has helped create vibrant, Gospel-centered communities in the U.S. and around the world through church planting and multiplication, leadership training and global missions.

Why are We Here?

In this session, we're going to lean into the biblical basis for why we talk so much about being on mission with Jesus, and then we're going to answer the questions:

“Where are we headed” and **“How will we get there?”**

We'll be talking primarily about the church, but along the way, we're going to unpack our understanding of the purpose of human existence, too.



Mission is Mandatory

At Mission Hills, we believe that “missions” is not one of the ministries of the church, but “mission” is the foundational purpose for which the church itself exists.

Actually, “mission” is the foundational purpose for which all human beings exist:

Then God said, “Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground. So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. God blessed them and said to them, “Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground.”

Genesis 1:26–28

There are three key elements of this passage that all point to mission being the primary purpose of human existence:

1. The Majestic Plural

2. Image/Likeness

3. Rule/Subdue

Questions

1. Why did God make humans?
2. How does being made as the image of God affect you and the way you think of yourself?

Jesus Restored Both Relationship and Purpose

Jesus didn't just invite people to have a relationship with him.
He invited them to go on mission with him:

“Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will make you fishers of men.”

Mark 1:17

When we put our faith in Jesus, we are both restored to **relationship** with God but also returned to our **original purpose** of being on-mission with God in the world.

OUR MISSION

We exist to help people
become like Jesus and
join him on mission.

The Meaning of Mission

To be on mission is to be intentional about honoring God and extending His influence in the world.

Missional followers of Jesus are intentional about honoring God in all that they do.

Missional followers of Jesus are intentional about extending God's influence everywhere they have influence.

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The Local Church is the Hope of the World

God has chosen to use the local church as His primary tool for inviting men and women back into relationship with Him and restoring their purpose.

His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms, according to his eternal purpose which he accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Ephesians 3:10-11

Questions

3. How have you seen other people extend God's influence around you?
4. What do you think it looks like for you to extend God's influence and what are some challenges you have?

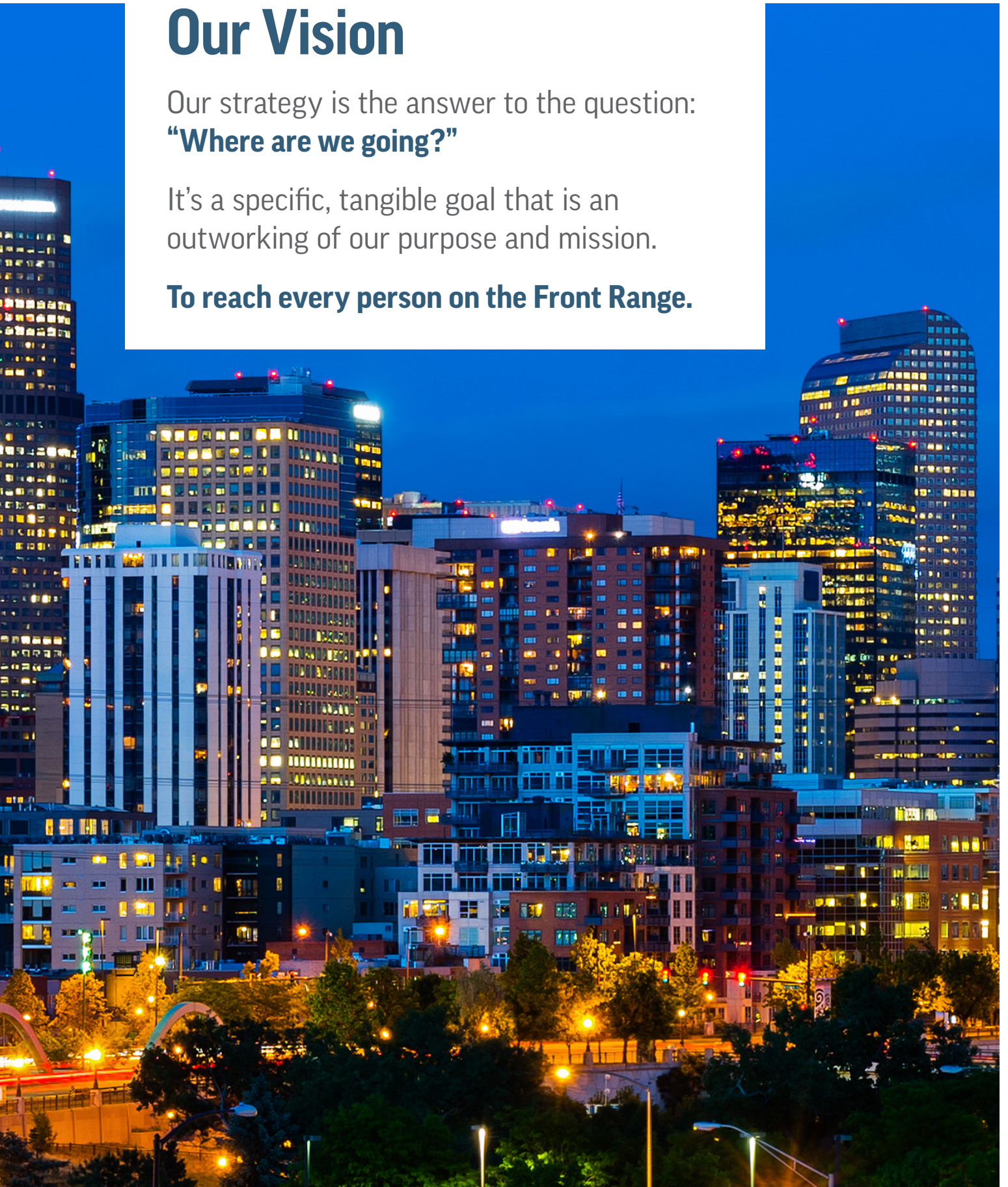
The church is not a building we come to, it's a mission we choose to be part of.

Our Vision

Our strategy is the answer to the question:
“Where are we going?”

It’s a specific, tangible goal that is an
outworking of our purpose and mission.

To reach every person on the Front Range.



Our Strategy

Our strategy is the answer to the question:
“How will we get there?”

Our strategy is to unleash missional followers, men and women who follow Jesus on mission, who understand that they don't come to church, they are the church and who live in light of this mission everyday, everywhere.

God has called us to reach every person on the Front Range, by unleashing missional followers of Jesus, fueled by local congregations.

So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up

Ephesians 4:11-12

We believe this means that God has called and equipped every person to be on mission with Jesus in the world. It's not the job of the church staff to do the work of ministry but to equip every follower of Jesus to do the work of ministry.

Questions

1. In what ways do you feel equipped to be on mission with Jesus?
How could we help you take your next steps?

Fueled By Local Congregations

We believe the best way to equip everyone to be on mission with Jesus is through local congregations.

A **congregation** is a group of Christians who meet together regularly to worship God, learn from His Word, and be supported in living out their calling.

A **local** congregation is a congregation within 20 minutes of someone's home.



Developing Local Congregations

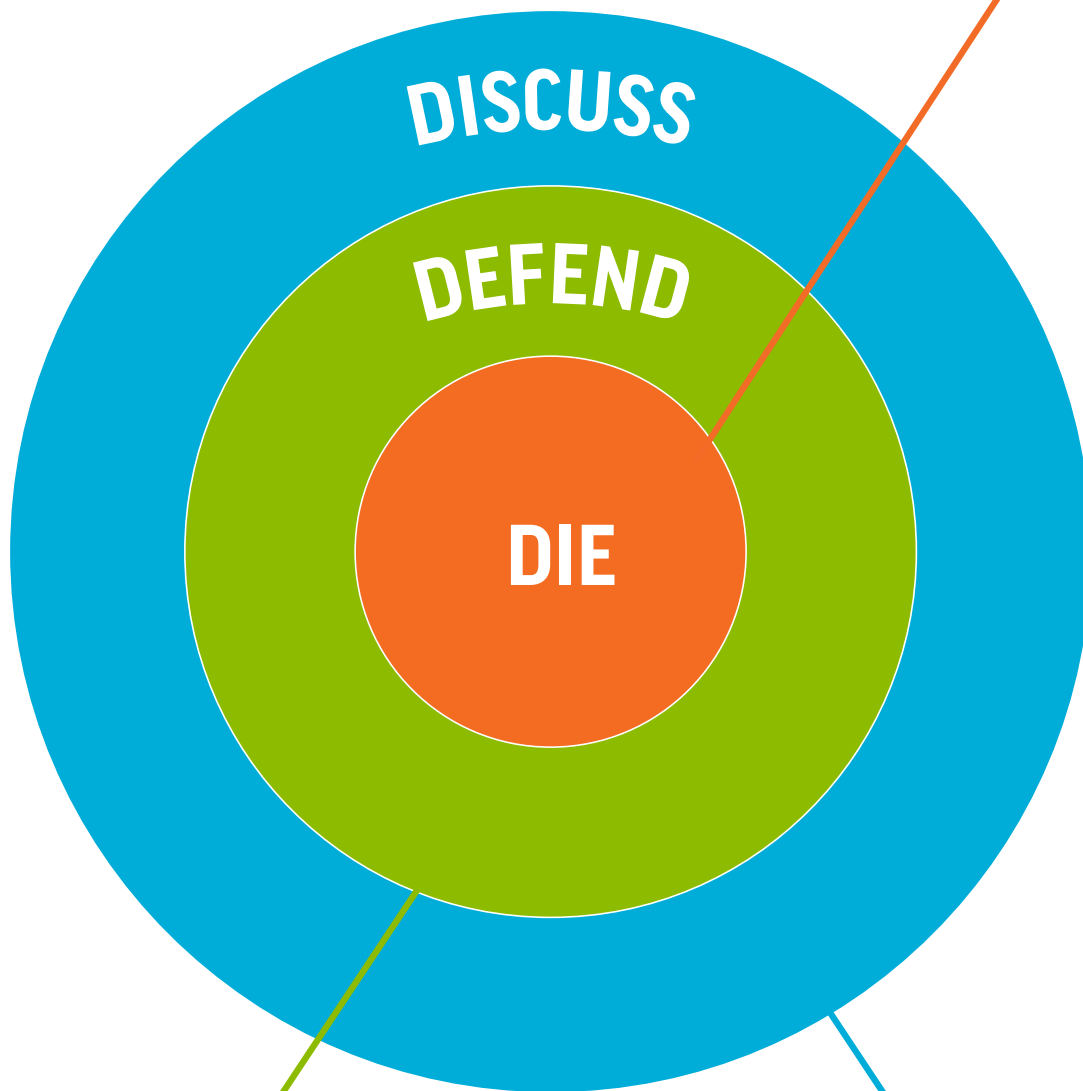
Our strategy for unleashing missional followers of Jesus, fueled by local congregations, involves two pillars:

- **Multi-site multiplication**

- **Mission Hills Association**

Discuss/Defend/Die

1. One God In Three Persons
2. Our Sin Separates Us From God
3. God Made A Way (Jesus Died/Rose)
4. Salvation By Faith
5. Bible Is God's Word



- Things Like:
- Baptism
 - Ordinances/Sacraments
 - Etc.

- Things Like:
- The End Times
 - Predestination
 - Etc.

What's My Part?

If there's a single verse in the Bible that summarizes the Gospel, it's probably this famous one:

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

John 3:16

Notice that God's love is not just a feeling but it has a concrete expression: giving. God loved, so he gave.

Missional followers of Jesus are intentional about extending God's influence everywhere they have influence.

Giving Reverses Sin's Power in our Lives

At its heart, sin is about taking: taking control from God, taking the lead in setting our own course in life, taking for ourselves what God has said is not ours to take.

In contrast, Jesus demonstrated a completely different approach to life, a life rooted in giving to others.

By his sacrifice, Jesus freed us from enslavement to sin and selfishness. We are now free to follow his example of selflessness.

Questions

1. As you think about the Gospel that you have personally accepted, it's probably easy to think of some things that you were set free from. But what are some new things that accepting the Gospel set you free for?

2. What has knowing Jesus enabled you to be part of?

How Do We Give?

At Mission Hills we talk about giving in three ways: time, talent and treasure.

- Time
- Talent
- Treasure

The Gift of Time – Serve Teams

What are Serve Teams?

The weekly ministries of the church take literally hundreds of dedicated men and women serving in a variety of ways. We want everyone who calls Mission Hills their church to find one of those teams to serve on. The primary ones are:

- **Prayer Serve Team**
- **Next Gen Serve Team** (Kids and Students)
- **Guest Services Serve Team** (greeters, parking lot team, Communion team, Welcome Center hosts, ushers, Next Step hosts)
- **Worship Arts & Tech Serve Team** (musicians, AVL operators)
- **Life Center Serve Team** (local outreach through our food bank, educational services and other ministries to the underprivileged in our community)

SERVE TEAMS

See the Future

Engage and Develop Others

Reinvent Continually

Value Relationships and Results

Embody the Values

Questions

3. Which of these primary Serve teams has the most initial appeal to you?
Why is that?

4. Have you had any previous experience with that type of ministry?

The Gift of Talent

We believe that everyone who has said “yes” to Jesus has gifts God has given them to use to honor Him and extend His influence in the world. These gifts comes from three places:

- **Natural Gift**
- **Supernatural or Spiritual Gift**
- **Experience or Learned Gift**

Homework

Start thinking about the gifts you have. Other people tend to recognize it sometimes more than you, so ask those who are close to you what they have seen.

Gifts:

The Gift of Treasure

No one likes to talk about money, but God talks about it a lot.

Money is mentioned over 800 times in the Bible and most of those contain a single, clear message: money is a gift from God, but it can hold us back from following Him whole-heartedly, because it has the potential to draw our trust to it and away from the One who gave it.

- The Bible's solution to avoiding the potentially negative power of money is generosity.
- We believe that giving first honors God, saving second practices wisdom, and living on the rest teaches contentment.
- Our first place of giving should be the local church to which we belong.

Homework

What is my next step of generosity?

Where Global Outreach Comes In

Global Outreach is the work we do to connect people to Jesus and to a Gospel-centered community other than a Mission Hills campus.

We have more than 30 Global Outreach partners in more than 20 countries.

Why do we do Global Outreach?

1. Reaching the world is a mandate for every church.
2. We have resources our brothers and sisters in other countries don't.
3. It fosters a missional-mindset here.

Questions

5. Have you had any personal experience with outreach ministry (personally sharing your faith with others, short term “missions” trips to other parts of the world, etc.)?

Next Steps

Congratulations! You've completed the Discovering Mission Hills experience.

Hopefully you now have a very clear picture of who we are, why we exist and where we're headed...and are ready to take the next step of getting plugged in here.

Here are some next steps to take:

1. Find a Serve Team to join.

missionhills.org/serve

2. Join a Group.

missionhills.org/groupfinder

3. Support the work of Mission Hills financially.

4. Become a member.

[See Appendix \(page 48\) to get started.](#)

5. Take *Discovering Leadership*.

Questions

1. Which of these next steps are you ready to take (see page 33)?

2. What questions or concerns can we address to help you take that next step?

Discovering Experiences

DISCOVERING JESUS

Discovering Jesus is a conversation-based experience designed to help you discover what following Jesus is really all about. It's for those who are curious about Christianity and those who have recently made the decision to follow Jesus. You'll explore overarching themes of the Bible and the Christian faith through a book, podcast messages by Pastor Craig, and through eight weekly conversations with others who are asking the same questions you are.

missionhills.org/discovering-jesus

DISCOVERING MISSION HILLS

Our mission is simple – we exist to help people become like Jesus and join him on mission. We want to help you figure out how you can get involved and invested in ministry and serving. Learn about our church mission and vision for reaching the lost, and discover how you can get involved. Note: Discovering Mission Hills is required for anyone interested in joining a Serve Team at Mission Hills. missionhills.org/dmh

DISCOVERING LEADERSHIP

LEVERAGE YOUR INFLUENCE TO BRING GOD GLORY

Leadership is all about influence...and everyone has influence. The question is whether or not we'll leverage that influence effectively to bring glory to God and good to others. Discovering Leadership will help you become a better steward of the influence God has given you in every area of your life.

missionhills.org/discovering-leadership

Weekends at Mission Hills Church

Lives can be transformed by serving others. Whether you are teaching kids about Jesus, welcoming a new guest, or helping direct traffic, you are a part of God's transforming power. God uses each of us to impact one life at a time. You may find that the opportunity to serve within the church leads to greater community and deepens your own faith. Join a team today and find out how you can make an impact at Mission Hills.

GUEST SERVICES // In the first 10 minutes of walking on our campus, new visitors decide whether or not they will come back to the church again. That is well before they hear any music or teaching. So we put a high priority on our Guest Services Team. Our goal is to make sure every person who attends a service has a positive, friendly, experience from the street to the seat! We welcome you to be a part of these teams: Entrance Greeters, Welcome Center, Usher, Transportation, Communion, and Baptism.

WEEKEND EXPERIENCE // We help accomplish our mission through the use of music, spoken word, sound, lighting, stage design, and video that help direct our hearts toward the truth. If you are interested in joining the Worship Team, Production, Technology and/or Special Events, find out more about each team or sign up to serve here: missionhills.org/weekend

Weekends at Mission Hills Church

KIDS // We are about transforming the lives of kids! Everything we do is about connecting kids to God's Word, forming Christ-centered relationships, and applying biblical truths to everyday life – all in a way that is so meaningful and fun that kids don't want to miss it! Kids Ministry is available on Saturday at 5:00 PM and Sunday at 9:15 AM and 11:00 AM. We have three different age-appropriate areas to choose from depending on your child's age.

The Barn is our weekend environment created for infants through 3-years-old. **RahaPlace** is our weekend environment created for 3-years-old through 1st grade. **Sidewalk** is our weekend environment created for 2nd–5th graders. More information is available here: missionhills.org/kids

MIDDLE SCHOOL // Every Sunday morning we have a program at 11:00 AM just for middle schoolers that meets in the Grove. This program is specifically designed for students who want to go deeper in their faith. We utilize table groups, engaging table activities, student-led worship and interactive learning to meet middle schoolers where they're at. missionhills.org/middleschool

HIGH SCHOOL // Sunday morning electives are an excellent way to meet students, staff, and SERVE team members. We offer several different bible study courses with a large variety of topics. We offer a great free breakfast, time of fellowship, and the small bible study courses. Breakfast is served from 10:30–11 AM and the electives follow until 12 PM. Read more here: missionhills.org/highschool

Mid-Week at Mission Hills Church

KIDS // The Kids Ministry Serve Team is the heart, soul, and passion of making church happen every week. Our serve teams are enthusiastic and passionate about making a difference and making an impact on the lives of everyone they come in contact with. Imagine what great things will happen in your life and what God can do when you volunteer your time to serve. Check out all the different ways you can get involved with this ministry here: missionhills.org/servekids

For many people, middle and high school was a challenging time of life. That's why we want to give students a place where they can be themselves and belong, that is fun and relevant, where they have people who care about them and will point them to Christ as they walk through life as a student.

MIDDLE SCHOOL // A few words to describe our Middle School group: fun, relevant, biblical, and engaging! Our goal is help students navigate life as a Middle Schooler. We utilize small groups, large group teaching, and fun events to reach students where they are at! We're here to help students grow deeper in their faith and build lasting friendships through the Middle School years. We meet every Wednesday in the Grove from 6:25–8:15 PM. More info is available here: missionhills.org/middleschool

HIGH SCHOOL // Wednesday nights is where the action is at. We have games, food, worship, teaching, small groups, and a whole lot of fun. Our goal is to provide opportunities to engage with students, to empower students through scripture and relationships, and to advance the gospel to all. We want to help students succeed in their time of high school by following Jesus and joining Him on mission. We meet from 6:30–8:30 PM, and dinner is optional from 6–6:30 PM. Read more here: missionhills.org/highschool

Groups

MEN'S // Whether you're just looking for guys to hang out with or wanting to build meaningful relationships, we have something for you. Find out more about groups and events here: missionhills.org/men.

WOMEN'S // Our offerings include a wide assortment of Women's Bible Studies, Mom Nation, Support Groups, Service Opportunities, Girlfriend Clubs, and special events. More information can be found here: missionhills.org/women.

SINGLES // Our Singles Ministry at Mission Hills is a vibrant ministry focused on providing a safe place for Christian Singles (35+) desiring fellowship and spiritual growth through Bible-based teaching, discussion, and organized social events. Our focus is growing spiritually, connecting, and building friendships. More information can be found here: missionhills.org/singles.

ADULT EDUCATION // Adult Sunday School is a great place to learn more about the Bible and what it means to follow Jesus Christ. It is also a wonderful place to find a caring environment and foster friendships with others. In other words, an adult class is a great place to belong. Find a class here: missionhills.org/adulted.

LIFE GROUPS // Every week, there are groups of 10–15 people meeting in homes all over the area to connect, grow in their relationships with Christ, reach others with God's love, and celebrate God's work across all seasons of life. Our Group Link, where you can sign up to join a group, happens twice a year – in January and August. More information can be found online at missionhills.org/lifegroups.

SPORTS & REC // Mission Hills Sports & Rec Ministry exists to train disciples for Jesus, transform lives, build relationships, and provide common ground for men and women to connect with others who enjoy sports and outdoor events. If this sounds like you, go here to sign up: missionhills.org/sportsandrec.

Care

Our Care Ministry meets emotional and spiritual needs at critical times in life. We offer prayer, visitation, and memorial services. If you are interested in serving with our Care Ministry, sign up at missionhills.org/care-and-counseling/serve.

MISSION WATCH : 24/7 PRAYER ROOM Our prayer team intercedes on behalf of the church elders, staff, campuses, and community. This one-hour per week commitment plays a critical role in watching over the church and will help you to mature in your walk with the Lord as you take an intentional step to have a more active prayer life that seeks the throne of God.

CARE MINSITRY TRAINING As a Care Minister, you have a very tangible opportunity to be the hands and feet of Jesus as you walk with someone during one of their most vulnerable times. Care Ministers go through extensive training to provide one-on-one spiritual care to people who have experienced a significant change or loss in their life (i.e. death of a loved one, loss of job, divorce, terminal illness). If you're interested in becoming a Care Minister, join us for a 4-session training. For more information, contact Katie DeClet at kdeclet@missionhills.org.

Counseling

Growth is critical for transformation. It requires us to be real and vulnerable. And most of the time, we may need to ask for help and have others walk beside us. We offer many ways to grow through our Counseling Ministries.

BIBLICAL COUNSELING // Mission Hills is pleased to offer Christ-centered, biblically based counseling through our counseling center. If you find yourself needing Scriptural guidance through a difficult season of life, we invite you to connect with one of our biblical counselors. Simply fill out the form online at missionhills.org/counseling or call 303.953.7164.

Hope Groups

At times every one of us will deal with loss, fear, or uncertainty; it's part of our journey in life. Hope Groups are a network of support groups designed to walk alongside people at Mission Hills and in our community who are hurting, to equip them with tools to deal with struggles – tools to increase their faith, find hope and strength, and give them joy in the journey.

STEPS – GOSPEL-CENTERED RECOVERY is a 13-session program that takes people to the root of sin and suffering in order to embrace the freedom found only in Christ's redemption. STEPS is designed to help with numerous recovery areas including addiction, disorders, anger, divorce, abuse, anxiety, and more. More information at missionhills.org/steps.

DIVORCE CARE is a support group that meets weekly on Monday nights for 13 weeks. These groups are led by people who have been through divorce and successfully navigated these difficult transitions. For upcoming dates, visit missionhills.org/divorcecare.

GRIEF SHARE is a support group for people grieving the loss of someone close and will be offered on Monday nights. For upcoming dates, visit missionhills.org/griefshare.

Local Outreach

God calls us to serve where we are, and He gifted each of us to make a difference for Him. We believe that serving leads to life transformation as we learn to serve others as Christ serves us. The time that you give is an opportunity to worship by using the gifts, talents, and opportunities He has given. Our hope is that through your serving, you grow in your relationship with Jesus. Join a team today and find out how you can make an impact.

LIFE CENTER // At the Life Center, we believe that God uses ordinary people—like you and me—to do the extraordinary work of transforming our community. Through our programs, you can help us accomplish more than we ever could alone. Depending on your interests and skills, you can help with our Food Bank, Legal Aid, GED Classes, Language Center, tax preparation, and Senior Connections. Find out more at lifecenterlitleton.org.

PARTNERS // Over 87% of the people in our communities do not know Christ. When we serve in our neighborhoods and cities, we not only share the transforming power of the Good News, but we also become more like Jesus. Join us in transforming lives and communities by serving with our ministry partners. Go to missionhills.org/localpartners to get involved.

Global Outreach

Every year we travel the world to be the hands and feet of Jesus while sharing His truth. Please consider joining us on a short-term mission trip or internship as a way to serve others. See options here: missionhills.org/global.

TRIPS // Many world communities are caught in cycles that prevent them from hearing the Gospel. The most immediate need they face is often for clean water, food, and the ability to provide for their family. Jesus had a heart for people; He met the physical need before addressing the eternal. In meeting the most basic needs of those we serve, we earn the right to also share God's love. By educating locals, teaching hygiene, providing access to clean water, establishing sustainable businesses, and creating jobs, we are part of community transformation. Learn more about upcoming trips at missionhills.org/stt.

PARTNERS // Mission Hills partners with missionaries because we want to share the good news with our neighbors next door and with those across the globe. Jesus said he came to seek and save the lost. During his time on earth, he served people – he taught them, fed them, healed them, and befriended them. We believe he is calling us to serve the lost in the same ways. Whether you decide to participate in a short-term trip, partner financially, or pray for our global missionaries, you can be part of what God is doing around the world. Check out serving opportunities here: missionhills.org/partners.

Membership Process

Steps of the Membership Process:

1. Repent of your sins and trust in Jesus Christ as your personal Lord and Savior.
2. Be baptized (once you have accepted Christ as your Savior; Believer's Baptism)
(missionhills.org/baptism)
3. Attend the Discovering Mission Hills Class.
(Find the next date online: missionhills.org/dmh)
4. Complete the Application for Mission Hills Church Membership.
(Part of the application is to sign the Statement of Faith and Six Commitments of a Member.)
5. Be interviewed by one of the Pastors or Elders.

Please return your completed membership application to Brooke Brock by email (bbrock@missionhills.org), mail, or drop it off at the Welcome Center in the lobby during weekend services. Once received, Brooke will contact you to schedule your interview with a pastor/elder.

MISSION HILLS CHURCH

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Please Print Clearly

Name _____ Birthdate _____

If married, name of spouse _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Married Single Widowed Single Again

Names and birthdates of children (birth - college age, who are living at home)

PERSONAL TESTIMONY

(Age, Date, Circumstance of your conversion, etc.)

I WILL BE JOINING MISSION HILLS BY:

Statement of faith and previous baptism as a believer. Date of baptism:

Baptism at Mission Hills Church. Date of baptism:

I have read and agree with the Statement of Faith ("What We Believe") of Mission Hills Church.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

I COMMIT, WITH THE HELP OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, TO FOLLOWING THE SIX COMMITMENTS:

1. I will discover and use my spiritual gifts, abilities, and talents in serving the Lord and others.
2. I will be involved in opportunities to build healthy relationships with others. (Examples: Life Group, Sunday School, being part of a service team, etc.)
3. I will pursue personal spiritual growth through regular times of Bible study and prayer.
4. I will invest in those who do not know Christ and invite them to opportunities (for example, church, concerts, or spiritual discovery groups) to learn about the God who loves them and wants a relationship with them.
5. I will financially support God's work through Mission Hills Church.
6. I will submit to the spiritual authority of the Elder Board.

Signature: _____ Date: _____



Statement of Faith

Section 1 | The Word of God

We believe that the Bible is the Word of God, fully inspired and without error in the original manuscripts, written under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, and that it has authority in all matters of faith and conduct.

Section 2 | The Trinity

We believe there is one living and true God, eternally existing in three persons, that these are equal in every divine perfection, and that they execute distinct but harmonious offices in the work of creation, providence and redemption.

Section 3 | God the Father

We believe in God the Father, an infinite, personal spirit, perfect in holiness, wisdom, power and love. We believe that He concerns Himself mercifully in the affairs of men, that He hears and answers prayers, and that He saves from sin and death all who come to Him through Jesus Christ.

Section 4 | Jesus Christ

We believe in Jesus Christ, God's only begotten Son, conceived by the Holy Spirit. We believe in His virgin birth, sinless life, miracles, and teachings. We believe in His substitutionary atoning death, bodily resurrection, ascension to Heaven, perpetual intercession for His people, and personal, visible return to earth.

Section 5 | The Holy Spirit

We believe in the Holy Spirit who came forth from the Father and Son to convict the world of sin, righteousness and judgment, and to regenerate, sanctify and empower all who believe in Jesus Christ. We believe the Holy Spirit indwells every believer in Christ, and that He is an abiding helper, teacher and guide.

Section 6 | Regeneration

We believe all people are sinners by nature and by choice, and that they are, therefore, under condemnation. We believe that those who repent of their sins and trust in Jesus Christ as Savior are regenerated by the Holy Spirit.

APPENDIX

Section 7 | The Church

We believe in the universal church, a living, spiritual body of which Christ is the Head and all regenerated persons are members. We believe in the local church, consisting of a company of believers in Jesus Christ, baptized on a credible confession of faith, and associated for worship, work and fellowship. We believe God has laid upon the members of the local church the primary task of giving the Gospel of Jesus Christ to a lost world.

Section 8 | Christian Conduct

We believe that Christians should live for the glory of God and the well-being of their fellow believers; that Christian conduct should be blameless before the world; that we should be faithful stewards of our possessions; and that we should seek to realize for ourselves and others the full stature of maturity in Christ.

Section 9 | The Ordinances

We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ has committed two ordinances to the local church: baptism and the Lord's Supper. We believe that the preferred expression of Christian baptism is the immersion of a believer into water in the name of the triune God. We believe that the Lord's Supper was instituted by Christ for the commemoration of His death. We believe that these two ordinances should be observed and administered until the return of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Section 10 | Religious Liberty

We believe that every human being has direct relationships with God and is responsible to God alone in all matters of faith; that each church is independent and must be free from an ecclesiastical or political authority; that, therefore, church and state should be kept separate, as having different functions, each fulfilling its duties free from dictation or patronage of the other.

Section 11 | Church Cooperation

We believe local churches can best promote the cause of Jesus Christ by cooperating with one another in a denominational organization. Such an organization, whether a regional or district conference, exists and functions by the will of the churches. Cooperation in a conference is voluntary and may be terminated at any time. Churches may likewise cooperate with interdenominational fellowships on a voluntary basis.

Section 12 | The Last Things

We believe in the personal and visible return of the Lord Jesus Christ to earth and in the establishment of His kingdom. We believe in the resurrection of the body, the final judgment, the eternal felicity of the righteous, and the endless suffering of the wicked.



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