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THE WEEKENDER

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# *SCHEDULE*

## **FRIDAY 6PM – 9PM**

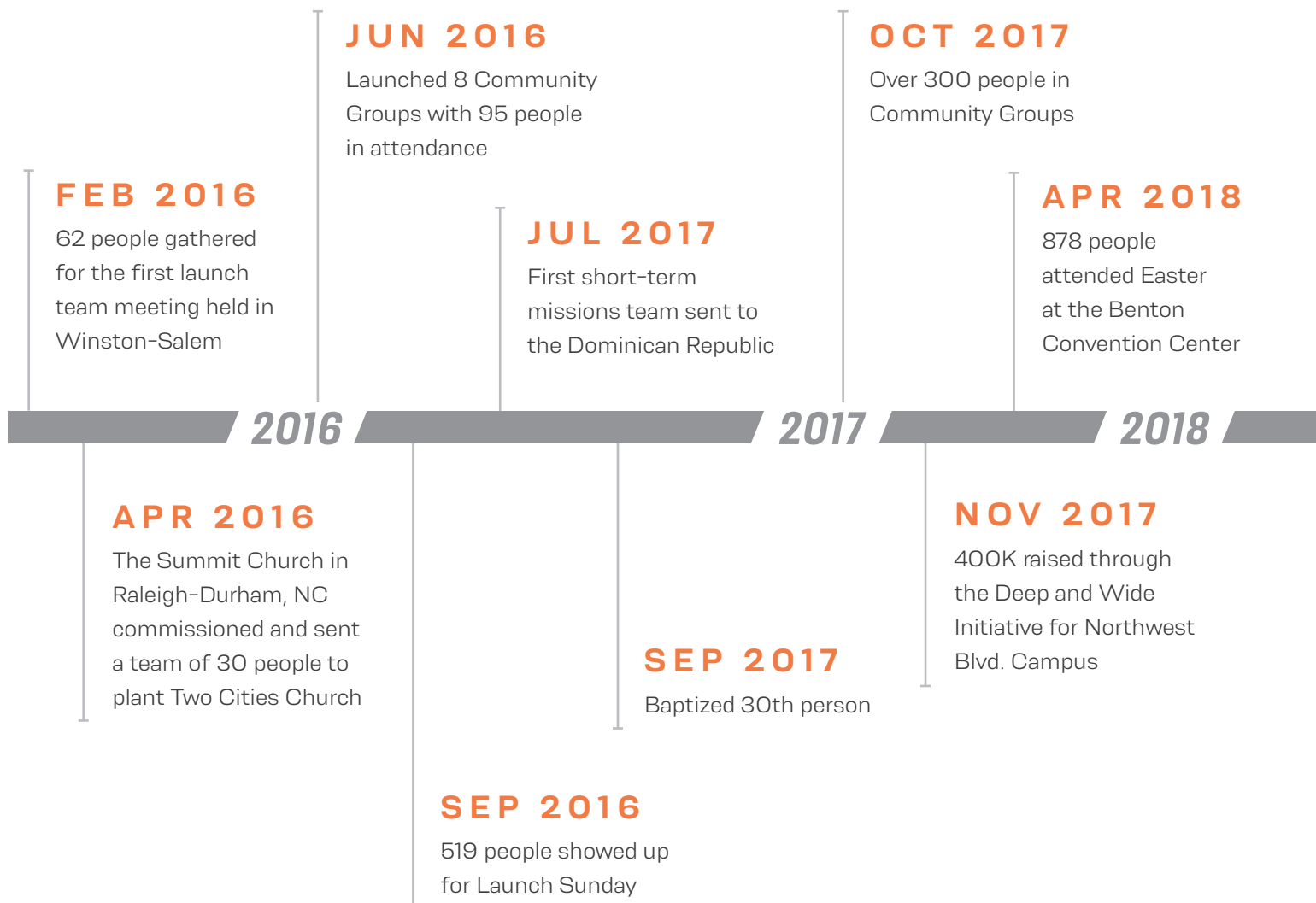
- Check-in
- Dinner
- Session 1: Two Cities Vision & Values
- Dessert & Coffee
- Session 2: Two Cities Distinctives

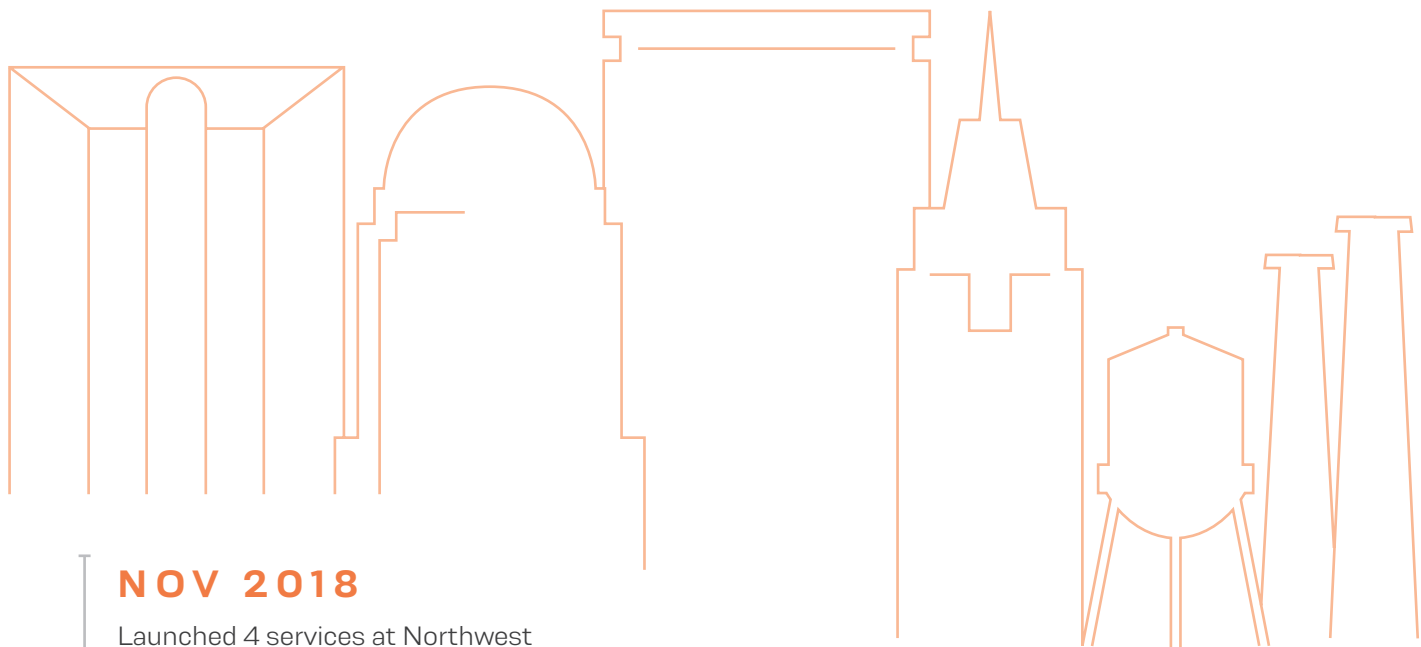
## **SATURDAY 9AM – 12:30PM**

- Breakfast
- Session 3: Commitment to Community
- Session 4: Commitment to Generosity
- Session 5: Commitment to Serving
- On-Ramp with a Volunteer Team

# THE BRIEF STORY OF TWO CITIES CHURCH

The story of Two Cities Church began at the Summit Church in Raleigh-Durham, NC. The Summit Church, led by Pastor J.D. Greear, had a vision to plant 1,000 churches across the world over the next 40 years. Two Cities was birthed out of that vision, and Pastor Kyle Mercer was compelled to plant a new church in Winston-Salem, NC. The Summit encourages every lead pastor to plant with an executive pastor. Pastor Kyle had the opportunity to plant with his best friend of 16 years, Pastor David Vogel. Together, they then recruited 30 other individuals who moved their lives to Winston-Salem in May 2016 for the sake of the gospel. Over the next four months, 70 more people joined their launch team with a vision to see the gospel change people's lives in Winston! On September 18, 2016, Two Cities launched their first public gathering.





## NOV 2018

Launched 4 services at Northwest Blvd. location with 993 in attendance

## MAR 2020

Went online only for 15 weeks during COVID

## AUG 2020

Launched Two Cities Residency program

## SEP 2020

Relaunched weekend gatherings with 3 Sunday worship gatherings

## SEP 2021

Celebrated 5th Anniversary with 1,728 people and 30 baptisms

## MAY 2022

Launched Acts 1:8, a 7 week local, national, and global discipleship experience for college students

2020

2021

2022

## MAR 2020

Named 26th fastest growing church in America by Outreach Magazine

## APR 2021

Voted to purchase property for future home and hub on Patterson Ave.

## NOV 2021

4M raised through the Forward Initiative for our future home and hub for ministry, mission, and mercy

## MAY 2018

Two Cities sent first short-term team to Mumbai, India

## NOV 2020

378K raised for 3 missionary partners through Hold the Rope

# IN WINSTON FOR THE WORLD

## OUR MISSION

We want to make disciples, mobilize them for mission, and do it all in an environment of prayer and worship.

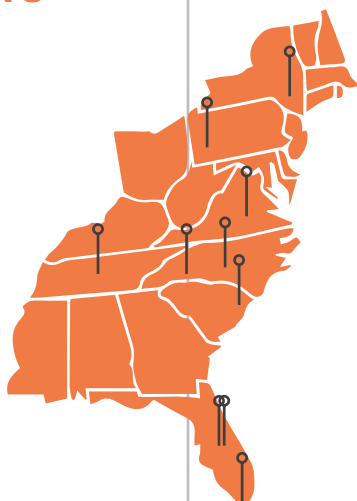
## GOSPEL SATURATION

We want to glorify God by giving every man, woman, and child repeated opportunities to see, hear, and respond to the gospel of Jesus Christ without having to go anywhere.



## LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS WE PARTNER WITH

- Christ Together Triad
- City Lights Ministry
- Cook Literacy Model School
- Crossnore School & Children's Home
- H.O.P.E. of Winston-Salem
- Hope & Love Foundation
- Mission Center
- Pilot Mountain Baptist Association
- The Pregnancy Network
- Rise Academy
- Salem Pregnancy Care Center
- Samaritan Ministries
- Crisis Control
- The Barnabas Center
- Winston-Salem Rescue Mission



## CHURCHES WE HAVE HELPED PLANT

- **Park Slope Community Church**  
Brooklyn, NY
- **Center Church**  
Charlottesville, VA
- **Rise Church**  
Winston-Salem, NC
- **Grace Alive**  
West Orlando, FL
- **City Awakening**  
East Orlando, FL
- **Proclamation Church**  
Nashville, TN
- **Steel City Church**  
Pittsburgh, PA
- **Coastway Church**  
Myrtle Beach, SC
- **Plaza Baptist Church**  
Charlotte, NC
- **Port City Church**  
Halifax, Nova Scotia
- **Reality Church**  
Miami, FL



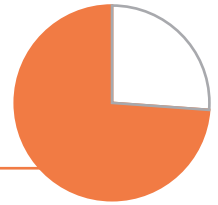
## GLOBAL MISSIONS

# WHY WINSTON-SALEM

## GROWTH & NEED

Winston-Salem is ranked the 5th most populous city in North Carolina. Currently, over 250,320 people live in Winston-Salem, and this number is expected to continue to grow. With this growth comes a need for more gospel-centered churches.

74% lostness in  
Winston-Salem



## DIVERSITY

Winston-Salem is the city of arts and innovation, which makes it very diverse. It is also ethnically diverse, with 54.9% white, 34.2% black, and 15.1% Hispanic population.



## BUSINESS CLIMATE

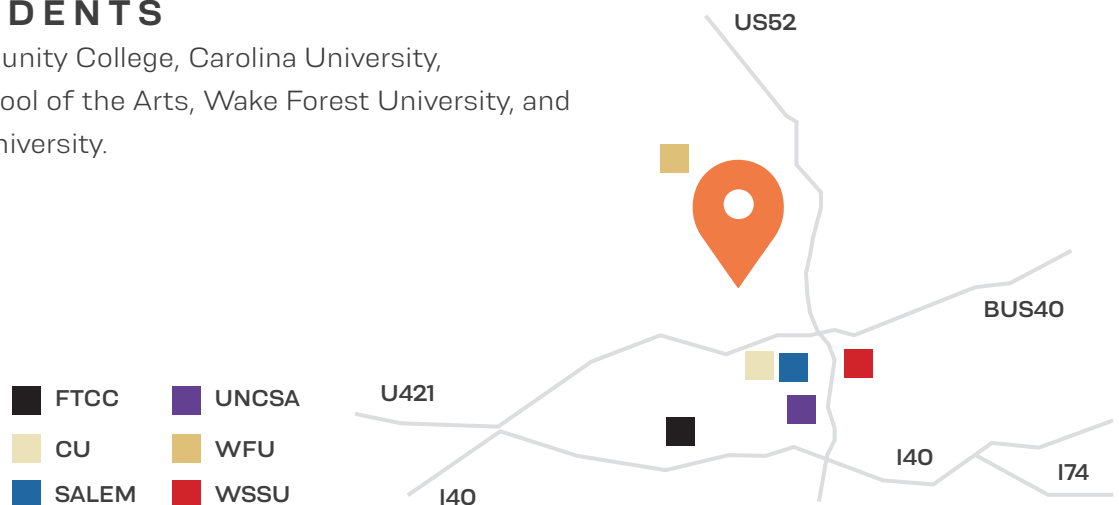
Winston is a place of creativity and innovation. Truist bank, Hanes, RJ Reynolds, Wake Forest Baptist, Novant Health Care, Atrium Health, and Krispy Kreme Donuts all have roots in Winston-Salem. The city is expanding, and the Innovation Quarter is bringing new jobs and new people.

## SOCIAL NEEDS

The greater Winston-Salem area was ranked the worst metro area in the U.S. for families with children that had a hard time putting food on the table. Winston-Salem is within the top 10 metro areas in the nation for both growth in poor population and growth of poor neighborhoods.

## COLLEGE STUDENTS

Forsyth Technical Community College, Carolina University, Salem College, UNC School of the Arts, Wake Forest University, and Winston-Salem State University.



# SESSION 1

## TWO CITIES VISION & VALUES

**PLUMBLINES** are guides to our decision-making.  
These are the values we pursue as we follow Jesus.

1. The gospel isn't the diving board; it's the pool.
2. Jesus commanded us to make disciples, not converts.
3. We need a ministry in the church and a mission in the world.
4. Prayer should be Scripture-fed, Spirit-led, and worship-based.
5. Healthy things grow and growing things change.
6. We need a map, not a menu.
7. We choose to believe the best about others.
8. In light of global lostness, excellence must be balanced by good enough.
9. Just because we can doesn't mean we should.
10. We have a picture of the future that produces passion in the present.



# SESSION 2

## TWO CITIES DISTINCTIVES

**PLUMBLINE: We are the church for anybody but not the church for everybody.** We want to provide clarity about what we believe, who we are, and what we do.

### 1. What do we believe about the Bible?

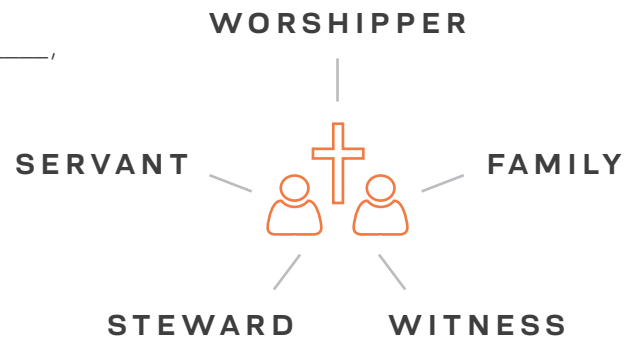
- The Bible is the Word of God in the words of man.
- The Bible is from God, about Jesus, and for us.
- The Bible is inerrant and infallible.
- This is why we practice expositional preaching.

### 2. What do we believe about the ordinances?

- The ordinances are a visible picture of a spiritual reality (Rom. 6:1-14).
- We believe baptism should be done by immersion after conversion (Acts 2:37-41).
- We believe the Lord's Supper is a spiritual and family meal (1 Cor. 11:20-30).

### 3. What do we believe about the church?

- The Church is local, global, universal, and personal. (Rom. 16:5; 1 Cor. 1:2; Eph. 5:25).
- As a church, we live out of an identity that informs our activity. (Eph. 2:10, 2 Cor. 3:18).



### 4. How is the church structured?

- Jesus ruled, elder led, staff directed, and congregationally accountable (Eph. 1:22-23, 1Pet. 5:2, Matt. 18:15-17).

### 5. How is the church supported?

- Through the generosity of the local body.

### 6. What do we believe about membership?

- Membership is confessional and covenantal.
- Membership is moving from connected to committed.

# SESSION 3

## COMMITMENT TO COMMUNITY

### PLUMBLINE: Discipleship happens in relationships.

Spiritual growth happens as we open up our Bibles and open up our lives.  
Community is the first and primary vehicle for ministry, mission, and mercy.

### The Foundation for Community

1. Made for community (Gen. 1:27, Gen. 2:18)
2. Saved for community (Eph. 2:12-19)
3. Flourish in community (Eph. 4:1-7, 11-16)

### Community Groups

- We are a church of Community Groups, not a church with Community Groups.
- Discipleship happens in relationships.
- We start new groups for new people.
- Our groups are closed from the outside but open from the inside.

### DNA Groups

- D iscipleship
- N urture
- A ccountability

### Community Group Member Commitment

1. Worshippers - Seeks to know, love, and obey God above all else in life.
2. Family - Embraces the lifestyle of the local church as family.
3. Witness - Shares the gospel and helps make disciples locally, nationally, and globally.
4. Stewards - Uses their time, talents, and treasures to know God and make Him known.
5. Servants - Gives of themselves for the good of their church, family, and city.

# SESSION 4

## COMMITMENT TO GENEROSITY

### PLUMBLINE: Give, Save, Live.

Christians give to honor God, save to be wise, and live off the rest to teach themselves contentment.

Generosity is shown through the 3 T's of our lives: T ime, T alents, T reasure.

### 1. The gospel gives us our MOTIVATION, MEASURE, and MISSION.

#### — Two stories of generosity (Matt. 19:16-22; Luke 19:1-10)

i. The gospel produces a cheerful giver.

1. *When we encounter the gospel, everything changes.*

ii. The gospel produces a sacrificial giver.

1. *Consistent sacrificial generosity is one of the ways you will ensure that your stuff won't own you.*

### 2. TRUST what God teaches about generosity.

— Everything belongs to God (Psalm 24:1).

— We manage His possessions (Deut. 8:18).

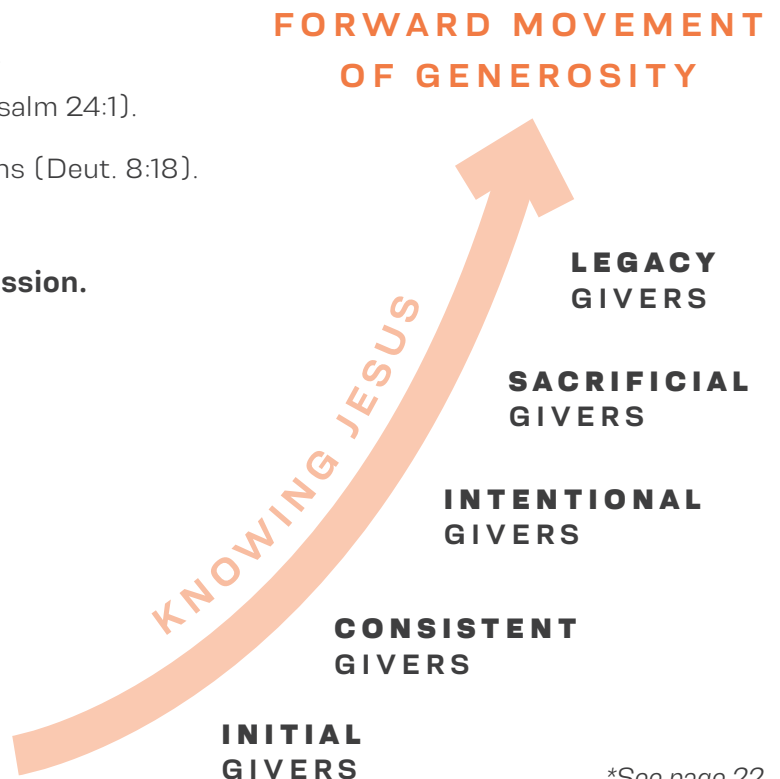
### 3. UNDERSTAND how generosity fuels the mission.

— APPLY the **three P's**

— P riority

P ercentage

P rogressive



\*See page 22

# SESSION 5

## COMMITMENT TO SERVE

**PLUMBLINE: The church is an army, not an audience.**

As Christians, we are called to engage in the mission of God, not consume religious content. Participate, not spectate.

### Serving is what we do (Acts 6:1-7).

- When the Church grows, there are more needs.
- Unmet needs can lead to division and complaint.
- When people serve, it makes room for the word & prayer.

### Servants are who we are (1 Peter 4:10).

*"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace" (1 Peter 4:10).*

- When people step up and serve, the gospel goes forward and leads to multiplication.

### Healthy Rhythms of Serving at Weekend Gatherings

- attend one, serve one twice a month.

# VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

## KIDS MINISTRY

### ***Partnering With Parents To Raise A Generation In Christ***

We want the children that walk through the doors of Two Cities Church to understand and believe from a young age that there is nothing better in life than Jesus, and from there we desire to see our kids walk faithfully with Jesus every day of their lives. What would it mean for our city, our country, and the world if we raised up a generation committed to the gospel because they've already learned that Jesus is enough?

We invite you to faithfully serve in our Kids ministry twice a month – teaching our kids to love Jesus, while having fun with them, and making sure they stay safe. Below are a variety of ways you can invest in the lives of the next generation.

#### **BABIES**

Our nursery is for babies six weeks old to walking. Each baby is cared for and prayed over during the services.

#### **WALKERS**

This class is for walking toddlers under the age of two. It is when we begin using The Gospel Project curriculum.

#### **PRESCHOOL**

Preschool kids are grouped in classes based on age. Along with participating in activities and lessons based on the Gospel Project curriculum, they have the opportunity to worship together through song.

#### **ELEMENTARY**

School-aged kids (K-5th grade) are grouped in classes by grade. Along with participating in activities and lessons based on the Gospel Project curriculum, they have the opportunity to worship together through song.

#### **CHECK-IN**

Our check-in volunteers create a secure and inviting environment as parents entrust us with their children.

#### **ADMIN (MID-WEEK ROLE)**

The Admin Team assists Kids Ministry with needs during the week. This could include: lesson prep, inventory, building prep, etc.

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## STUDENT MINISTRY

### ***Raising Up the Next Generation of Students to Be Followers of Jesus***

We place a high priority on shepherding our students. The vision of Two Cities Students is to see young men and women prepared for a lifetime of service to Christ and His Church. Our leaders walk with students week after week in our Student Community Groups. We see these relationships playing an integral part in our students feeling loved and understanding God's love in a practical way. Our bullseye is helping students learn to individually, and within the context of community, develop spiritually, mentally, emotionally, and physically, for the purpose of becoming doers of the Word not merely hearers (James 1:22).

# VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

## FIRST IMPRESSIONS

### *The Sermon Begins in the Parking Lot*

We believe the sermon starts in the parking lot. Everything speaks, and all we do communicates “You matter” to our guests. We want to communicate that message loud and clear because people matter a great deal to the God we serve and represent.

Help us represent God’s readiness to welcome people into His family by joining one of these teams in our First Impressions Ministry.

### **PARKING**

The sermon starts here! Let people know we are expecting them and have thought of their needs in advance. Rain or shine, our parking volunteers communicate that people are the mission.

### **GREETERS**

A smile can go a very long way! Whether holding a door, escorting someone around, or simply greeting someone by name, let others know we are glad they are here and that they are important to us.

### **SECURITY**

Making our guests feel safe and secure goes a long way in helping people feel comfortable and welcomed to worship with our church.

### **VOLUNTEER HEADQUARTERS**

Behind the scenes, our volunteers help our ministries flow! Whether preparing coffee, facilitating communion, or hosting our volunteers, our VHQ volunteers make our weekends life-giving for everyone.

### **SEATING**

Making our guests feel welcomed with conversation and helping them find a place to worship goes a long way in helping people feel connected and prepared to worship.

### **SET UP & TEAR DOWN**

Having a welcoming, helpful, and intentional environment for people to worship in would never happen if not for committed volunteers working behind the scenes.

### **WELCOME TENT**

A friendly welcome makes all the difference! Whether handing out a First Time Guest bag, providing information, or making warm conversation with a new guest, let others know we are glad they have joined us.

### **MOBILE WELCOME TEAM**

Our guests need us to initiate first. We show intentionality as we approach guests who may have questions or need assistance. We want guests to feel cared for every step of the way, and a big part of that is walking them to their next steps whether that is our Kids Ministry, Welcome Tent, or the Worship Center.

# WEEKENDER TEAM

## ***The Gospel is Offensive and Nothing Else Should Be***

At The Weekender, teams prepare, serve, and welcome guests so that they can enjoy a weekend getting connected at Two Cities. This weekend is possible because of them!

### **SECURITY**

Make Weekender guests feel safe and secure as they connect with Two Cities whether by giving parents peace of mind in the Kids Building or ensuring safety in the Worship Center. This position will serve on both days of The Weekender.

### **GUEST SERVICES**

Greet, seat, and serve guests to create a welcoming environment for guests wanting to connect at Two Cities.

### **SET UP**

Prepare our facilities on Thursdays to create an intentional environment by getting tables, equipment, and signs in place.

### **TEAR DOWN**

Reset our facilities after The Weekender to ensure a welcoming environment for guests during our weekend worship gatherings.

### **TABLE HOSTS**

Be the point of contact for The Weekender attendees at your table, as you serve them, answer their questions, and ensure they feel welcome. This position will serve on both days.

# VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

## WORSHIP ARTS, PRODUCTION, & PHOTOGRAPHY

### ***Calling our Church, our City, and our World to Behold the Lamb of God***

We want to cultivate true worshippers (John 4:23-24) by exalting Jesus Christ and calling our church, our city, and our world to respond in faith and obedience. The weekend gathering is a great platform to leverage your gifts and talents for the sake of this mission.

Each week, Two Cities Worship and Production Team plays a key role in our corporate worship gatherings while our Photography Team captures and tells the story of what God is doing at Two Cities and invites others to be a part of it. Below are several ways you can serve our church body through these ministries.

#### **PRO PRESENTER OPERATOR**

The Pro-Presenter Operators run everything that is displayed on the screens and livestream during our weekend gatherings including song lyrics, sermon slides, video, etc.

#### **CAMERA OPERATOR**

The Camera Operators are responsible for operating the cameras during our worship gatherings for the purpose of recording and live-streaming our corporate gatherings.

#### **BAND & VOCALISTS**

The Band and Vocalists lead the congregation in our corporate worship. If you are gifted in singing or playing an instrument, and you are committed to

pursuing membership, we invite you to audition for this team.

#### **PHOTOGRAPHY TEAM**

Photographers leverage their unique skills to capture photos that celebrate what God is doing at Two Cities. Photographers serve at weekend services capturing photos of every aspect of our worship gatherings and special events. Photographers must own their own DSLR camera, have access to Adobe Lightroom, and have experience with taking and editing photos.

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## PRAYER MINISTRY

### ***Our Prayer is Scripture-fed, Spirit-led, and Worship-based***

The common thread in the spread of the gospel is prayer. Therefore as a church, we are inviting you to join others in praying specifically for our church, our city, and our partners in the gospel around the world. During each service, Prayer Team members are praying behind the scenes, covering everything we do in prayer, and after each service they are available to pray with anyone seeking prayer.



# TWO CITIES CHURCH MEMBER COVENANT

Being a covenant member of Two Cities Church is one of the most significant ways one can invest their life in the mission of God. It is a commitment that must not be taken lightly. For this reason, the church elders desire that everyone who becomes a covenant member fully understands the nature of this commitment. This document details the beliefs as well as the responsibilities of every covenant member of Two Cities Church. These are structured around our mission statement: Love God, Love Each Other, and Love Our World.

## LOVE GOD

Our foundation is the gospel – it is the principle doctrine of the faith that both reconciles us to God and helps us to grow in our relationship with Him. Therefore:

**We are committed to the true, biblical gospel (1 Cor. 15, Jude 3, 2 Tim. 3:16).**

- I affirm the inerrancy and sufficiency of the Bible, its centrality to the church's mission, and the need to submit to its teaching in all matters of life.

**We are committed to knowing the gospel with excellence, and living out its implications in everyday life (1 Peter 3:15, Gal. 2:14).**

- I affirm my responsibility to grow in Christ and His gospel through the consistent practice of spiritual disciplines.

## LOVE EACH OTHER

The gospel creates community – we are committed to living life together and challenging one another to grow in Christ. Therefore:

**We are committed to a disciplined, born-again family (Rom. 12:5, 1 Peter 2:4-5, Matt. 18:15-20)**

- I affirm my new birth in Christ and my responsibility to live consistently with this through obedience to His commands.
- I affirm that I will actively pursue fellowship through a Community Group and discipleship relationships within Two Cities Church.

**We are committed to a unified family (Phil. 2:1-11, Rom. 12:3-8, Heb. 10:24-25).**

- I affirm that I will protect the church's unity and will not undermine the mission with my actions or words.
- I affirm that because we are members of one body, we will share life together in a way that models and contextualizes the implications of the gospel.
- I affirm the essential doctrines of the faith as laid out by our elders. For the sake of unity, I will submit my personal beliefs in non-essential doctrines to the beliefs of the church where they differ.

**We are committed to a biblically ordered team (1 Tim. 3:1-13).**

- I affirm that I will follow and submit to the elders of the church as they lead in direction, doctrine, discipline, and care.

## LOVE OUR WORLD

Our church is missional – we exist not for ourselves but rather for the flourishing of others in Winston-Salem and beyond. We will strive to be a well-equipped community of missionaries that reaches our city and world with the gospel. Therefore:

**We are committed to God's glory as our chief end (1 Cor. 10:31).**

- I affirm that my preferences, needs, and desires are secondary to the mission and vision of the church.
- I affirm that we are God's church and not our own. Therefore, my priority is not building a monolithic, self-serving church but rather a church that prioritizes church planting, mission, and reproduction.

**We are committed to giving generously to the mission and living sacrificially for its progress (2 Cor. 8:9).**

- I affirm that I will give my time, talents, and treasures in a sacrificial manner consistent with the gospel.
- I affirm that I will actively pursue regular rhythms of serving on a volunteer team within Two Cities Church.

**We are committed to every member as a missionary (2 Cor. 5:20, 2 Tim. 2:2).**

- I affirm my responsibility to evangelize and make disciples who can make disciples. This is as much my responsibility as it is the church's leaders.
- I affirm I will pray regularly for the city of Winston-Salem and for the health of Two Cities Church.

Before God, I affirm by signing this covenant that I agree with everything stated above. I have communicated any concerns and reservations to the elders.

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NAME

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# RESOURCES

## RELIGION VS. THE GOSPEL

### RELIGION

If I obey,  
God will love me

Depends on what I do

Is about me

Has an uncertainty of  
standing before God

Motivates through fear  
and insecurity

I obey God in order to  
get things from Him

My identity and self-worth are based  
mainly on how hard I work or how  
moral I am

### THE GOSPEL

Because God loves me,  
I can obey

Depends on what  
Jesus has done

Is about Jesus

Has certainty based  
upon Jesus' work

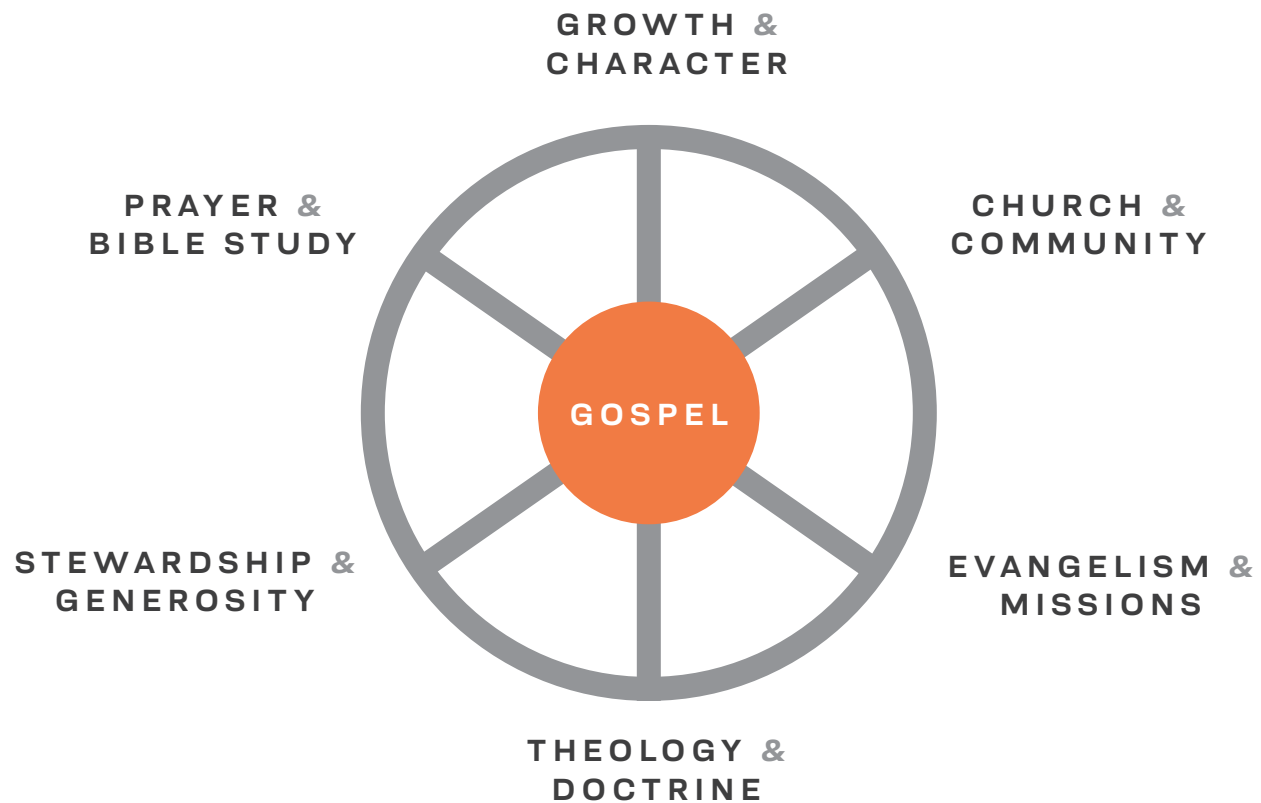
Motivates through grateful joy

I obey God to get delight  
in Him and resemble Him

My identity and self-worth  
are centered on the one  
who died for me

THE GOSPEL SAVES, SANCTIFIES, GATHERS, AND SENDS  
**THE GOSPEL CHANGES EVERYTHING**

# THE DISCIPLESHIP WHEEL



## THE GOSPEL

We want everyone to be changed by the power of the gospel. This means taking ourselves off the throne of our lives and putting God on the throne. When the gospel is the center of one's life, it redefines everything about that person, including the trajectory of his or her career, family, and future.

## THE SPOKES: Fruit of the gospel

The gospel takes dead people and makes them alive — and that is no small change! When the gospel becomes the center of one's life, it starts to work its way from the inside out. These six spokes represent six key areas that one can assess if and how the gospel is advancing in one's life.

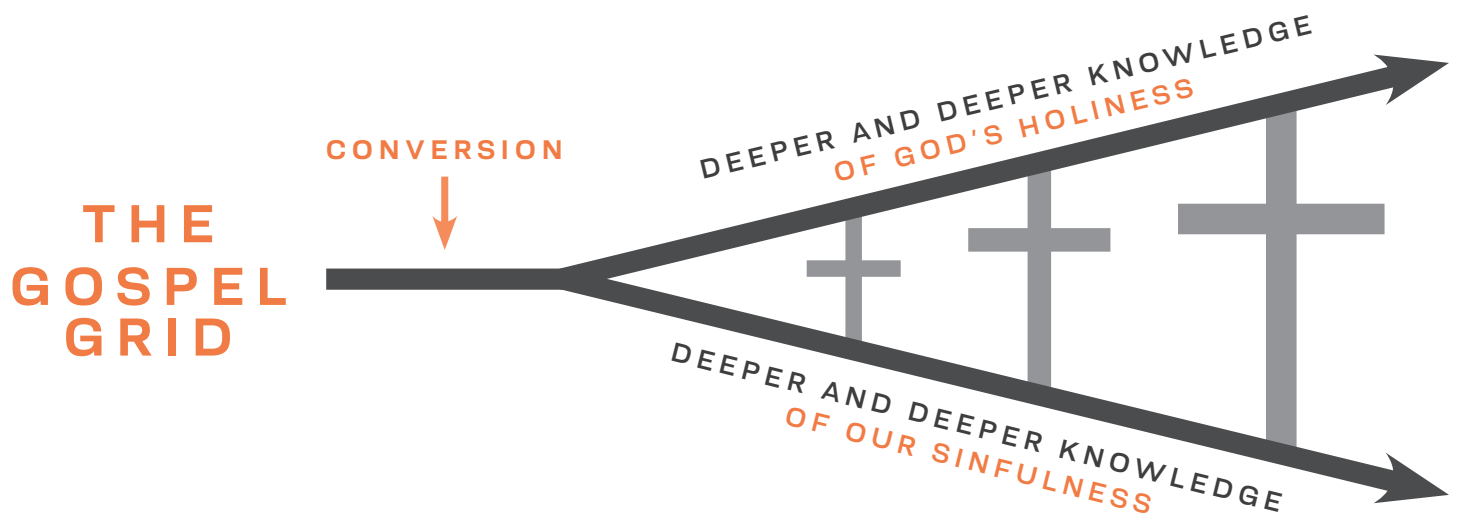
## A WARNING: Keeping the main thing the main thing

The gospel is the center of the wheel, not the spokes. Although one can measure his or her growth in the gospel by assessing these six spokes, the goal is to grow deeper in the gospel, not to master a spoke.

## THE GOAL: Gospel-motivated transformation

A wheel works best when it's full and balanced. Growing in just two or three spokes does not improve a wheel; it actually makes it worse. In the same way, gospel-centered growth in all of these areas puts God's glory on display in the life of a disciple of Jesus Christ.

# RESOURCES



## 4X4 PATTERN OF PRAYER

Use this model of prayer to help you engage in Scripture-fed, Spirit-led, and worship-based prayer.

### 1. REVERENCE *(upward)*

Praise God for who He is and what He has done.

### 3. REQUESTS *(inward)*

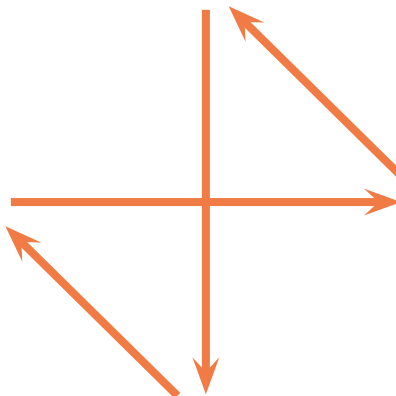
Ask God for the relationships and resources you need.

### 4. READINESS *(outward)*

Ask God to empower and equip you for discipleship and mission to reach every man, woman, and child.

### 2. RESPONSE *(downward)*

Respond to who God is in repentance, obedience, and reliance on the Holy Spirit.



# THE SOAP METHOD

The Bible is not simply meant to be read — it's meant to be engaged. The following way of interacting with Scripture is called the **SOAP Method**, and it's a great way to spend time with God in His Word..

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## SCRIPTURE

Open your Bible to your reading for the day. Take time reading and allow God to speak to you. When you are done, look for a verse that particularly spoke to you that day, and write it in your journal.

— O —

## OBSERVATION

Ask the Holy Spirit to teach you and reveal His truth to you, and write down what you see. What do you think God is saying in this Scripture? What truth did He reveal?

— A —

## APPLICATION

Personalize what you have read by asking yourself how it applies to your life right now. Perhaps it is an instruction to obey, encouragement to receive, a new promise to believe in, or correction for a particular area of your life. Write how this Scripture can apply to you today.

— P —

## PRAYER

After God has spoken to you through His Word, close by speaking to Him. Remember, prayer is a two-way conversation. Write out your prayer and response to God. You can give thanks, ask for help, express an emotion, or praise God for who He is.

# FRANC & BLESS

Who is far from God  
but close to you?

— F —

FRIENDS

— R —

RELATIVES

— A —

ACQUAINTANCES

— N —

NEIGHBORS

— C —

COWORKERS/  
CLASSMATES

Use this framework to help you think through how  
you can reach those far from God but close to you.

B

## BEGIN WITH PRAYER.

Set aside some time each day to pray that God would open the hearts of the people on your list to hear and receive the gospel.

L

## LISTEN.

Start conversations with the people on your list and make it a point to really ask good questions, listen, and respond with care.

E

## EAT.

Invite someone from your list to dinner or simply over for a cup of coffee. Hospitality paves the path for good conversation.

S

## SERVE.

When we serve we show we care. What are some ways you can serve the people far from God but close to you?

S

## STORY.

Take time to share "Your Story" and "The Story." Share what God has done in your life and share the good news of what God has done for them too!

# RESOURCES

## FORWARD MOVEMENT OF GENEROSITY

Generosity is more about the condition of our hearts than it is about emphasizing amounts or percentages. As Christians, we give first to honor God, save second to be wise, and live off the rest to teach ourselves contentment. As we move forward in generosity and sacrifice, we transform more and more into the likeness of Christ. This tool is designed to help you move from money being an idol to money being a tool for God's kingdom.

As a part of Two Cities, we want to challenge everyone to identify where they are on their generosity journey, and then, by faith, take a next step. Spend time in prayer asking the Lord where He is leading you to grow in your generosity and your dependence on Him.

### INITIAL GIVERS

Respond to God's Word and decide to give to the local church for the first time, trusting God and His Church with their gift.

**Ask God:** *God, do I trust you as my provider? Please show me how to demonstrate my trust in you by starting somewhere, moving FORWARD, and beginning to give.*

### CONSISTENT GIVERS

Begin to make giving a priority by committing to give on a regular basis, often through recurring online payments. They think of their giving in the same way they would think about other recurring expenses in their budget, regardless of seasons of feast or famine.

**Ask God:** *God, am I giving consistently in a way that demonstrates my desire to grow in this area of discipleship? Please show me how to become more consistent and disciplined in my giving.*

### INTENTIONAL GIVERS

Think about their giving in relation to their other financial priorities. They consider a percentage or amount they want to give and seek to consciously grow in their generosity. They look at their budget and consider how their giving reflects their view of God and their commitment to move His Kingdom forward.

**Ask God:** *Does the way I think about and use my finances reflect a desire to see your Kingdom move forward? God, show me what it looks like to put you and your mission first in all areas, even my finances.*



## LEGACY GIVERS

Think generationally. They are asking the question, how can I make sure my resources go to Kingdom purposes even after I'm gone? They consider the eternal impact of generosity for their children, grandchildren, and beyond.

**Ask God: *God, do I have a kingdom vision that is bigger than me and larger than my limited time here on earth? God, teach me that all things are yours, and help me to give in response to what you've done joyfully, looking forward to what you will do in generations to come.***

## SACRIFICIAL GIVERS

Committed to using their finances to move the mission of God forward. They are no longer thinking, "What am I supposed to give?" but rather, "What am I not giving and why?" They make changes that cost them something in their lifestyle, and they seek to honor God with all He has given them, not just a percentage of it.

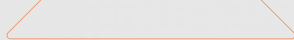
**Ask God: *God, what am I NOT giving and why? Am I truly honoring you with 100% of what you have given me, not just a portion? God, show me what it looks like to leverage all you have given me to move the gospel forward.***



*"Our giving is a reflexive response to the grace of God in our lives. It doesn't come out of our altruism or philanthropy—it comes out of the transforming work of Christ in us. This grace is the action; our giving is the reaction. We give because He first gave to us."*

**- Randy Alcorn, *The Treasure Principle***





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