

# Core Doctrines

Vision of Grace Fellowship Church

# Simple Church

"The church began as a fellowship of men and women centered on Jesus Christ. It went to Greece and became a philosophy. It went to Rome and became an institution. It went to Europe and became a culture. It came to America and became an enterprise." **Richard Halverson** 

# We want to be a Church focused on Transformation more than Information.

Biblical Information alone is not enough unless it is applied... which is why we focus on Community Groups and Biblical Counseling.

"But I am afraid that, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, your minds will be led astray from the simplicity and purity of devotion to Christ." **2 Corinthians 11:3** (NASB)



#### 4 Main Components and 1 Big Foundation

## **Discussion Questions**

- If you grew up in church, what do you remember the most about 'church life,' 'church expectations' or the 'church structure'?
- How would you describe GFC to a friend who has never attended?
- How has your spiritual life changed since you have been attending GFC?

#### <u>Mission</u>



"Everyone then who hears these words of mine and **does them** will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock. And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it." **Mathew 7:24-27** 

"And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ" **Ephesians 4:11-12** 

## **Discussion Questions**

- 1. When we gather together for corporate worship on Sundays, what is the most impactful element for you? (i.e. singing, prayer, preaching, fellowship with others, a sense of common bond, serving on a team, etc?)
- 2. Read **Matthew 7:24-27** and discuss it together. What has been your biggest struggle in putting God's Word into practice in your life? What have been some of the most helpful things you have done to put God's Word into practice in your life?
- 3. Think of when you were growing the most in your spiritual life. How did God work? In what way were other believers involved? Trials? Bible Reading? Prayer? Other?
- 4. Read **Ephesians 4:11-16** and discuss it together. How are you being equipped to serve others and pass on the grace that God has blessed you with? What particular gifts do you have and what ministries do you think you enjoy the most and are most effective in?

## <u>Vision</u>

Our vision at Grace Fellowship Church is that God would raise up a generation of Christians who have the courage to stand, the confidence to speak up, and the heart to sacrifice because they're committed to the truth of God's Word, the mission of God's Church, and the mercy of God's Son – Jesus Christ.

#### **Discussion Questions**

- 1. Read **I Peter 3:14-17** and discuss it together. What stands out to you most in these verses? What do you think you see Christians today guilty of violating the most from these verses?
- 2. Which part of our Vision: 'courage to stand,' 'confidence to speak up', 'heart to sacrifice' do you need to grow in the most?
- 3. Read **2 Corinthians 5:14-15, 20** and discuss together what it would look like to live these verses out in our everyday lives