

Matthew 1:1-16 NLT

1) Jesus is not a fairytale.

Your faith in Jesus is based upon facts, not fiction.

2) God is a promise keeper.

Joshua 21:45 NLT – Not a single one of all the good promises the Lord had given to the family of Israel was left unfulfilled; everything he had spoken came true.

1 Kings 8:56 NLT – "Praise the Lord who has given rest to his people Israel, just as he promised. Not one word has failed of all the wonderful promises he gave through his servant Moses.

Isaiah 9:6-7 NASB | Genesis 12:1-3 NLT

Unilateral Covenant – Unconditional Covenant

God is a covenant-making God because He is a promise-keeping God

Matthew's genealogy includes the outcast, scandalous, and foreigner. The family Jesus comes from anticipates the family He has come for.

Isaiah 53:4-10 CSB | Psalm 91:1-10 CSB

The Psalm promises those who make God their habitation will suffer no harm. Isaiah 53 is a song celebrating that Jesus comes among us and is harmed because God wills it. Which is it?

Hebrews 5:1-10 CSB

Hebrews 5:7-8 CSB – During his earthly life,[a] he offered prayers and appeals with loud cries and tears to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. 8 Although he was the Son, he learned obedience from what he suffered.

We assume the glory of God's sovereignty always takes precedence over the glory of God's mercy.

We are often bound to the logic of the Master & Slave.

Jesus is the Master who is a Slave. He is not a Slave who has a Master.

Mark 10:42-45 CSB

We are trying to serve a God who wants to serve us.

The least of these is nearest to the fullness of God.

Jesus is the fullness of the Father living a human life. Jesus is not the slave of the Father; He is the Son who is the fullness of the Father.

Jesus lives the human life divinely, and the divine life humanly.

He cried out to the One who was able to save Him from death, and He was heard. What does that mean?

Here is the glory of the Gospel: our God is a God who does not have to keep us from dying, because He can destroy death itself. Jesus is not kept from dying, He is kept in dying, and brought from the grave!

"The Church exists in the world as an opening, an exorcism; it is a mortal wound for this idolatrous and deceitful world, but for the created world it is the offer of transfiguration: 'Where the carcass is, there will the eagles be gathered." – Olivier Clement

WELCOME!

If you have questions, please stop by the NEXT STEPS table in the foyer or look for a team member. If we can help you in any way, please email us at dwellingplacemovement@gmail.com.

Our strategy at DPC: Gather (Gatherings), Group (Connect Groups), Grow (Growth Phases), Give (Giving/Gifting Teams), Go (Outreach)

GROUP Sunday, December 19 -Connect Group Night

Our connect groups will be meeting all over the area this evening. If you would like to join a connect group, please visit the Next Steps table in the lobby.

GATHER Sundays in December -Lights

9:30a + 11:15a

Although Christmas is about more than the trees, decorations, and presents, Christmas lights are one of the best parts of the season. This series sheds LIGHT on the true meaning of Christmas. Join us all month long as we take another look at the Light of God from Isaiah 9:6.

Friday, December 24, 3p + 5p Christmas Eve Candlelight Gathering

Join us for a full hour of anointed praise and worship, Christmas carols, communion, and a short message as we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ! Experience the breathtaking sight of a sanctuary full of candles. This is a gathering you don't want to miss!

GO

Be on the lookout for more opportunities to serve our community in the upcoming weeks.

GROW

Thursday, January 6, 7p - 9p Launch of our Winter Semester of Growth Phases

Our next session of Growth Phases kicks off on January 6th! Be sure to get signed up now at the Next Steps table.

GIVE

"His Blueprint" Capital

Campaign - He Has Chosen Us! We encourage each of you to continue to ask God what He would have you give to our capital campaign! Goal by June 2022 \$220,000

> Commitment Levels: <u>One time Legacy Gifts</u> 20K - Gold Legacy Gift 10K - Silver Legacy Gift 1K - Precious Stone Legacy Gift

> > <u>Monthly Pledges</u> \$500, \$250, \$150, \$50

Did you know you can give via text? Just text any dollar amount to 84321 to give. You will follow a quick, self-guided setup process to tie your mobile phone to our church, your donor account, and a payment source. After that, donating is as easy as sending a text.