

Matthew 28:19-20 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, 20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age. After the resurrection, Jesus comes back to his failed disciples & instead of bringing up their mistakes, he sends them on MISSION. In the Kingdom of God, our mistakes don't make us "unusable." It's through our mistakes that God demonstrates His incomparable grace in our lives.

Ephesians 2:8-9 NIV – For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— 9 not by works, so that no one can boast.

For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them. – Ephesians 2:10

You are not saved BY good works, but you are definitely saved FOR good works.

1) We BELONG to God and are SIGNIFICANT to Him.

Jesus' public ministry doesn't begin with Him receiving principles of leadership. He is launched into ministry receiving a word of blessing proclaimed over Him by the Father. He was able to face great difficulty and rejection because his identity was wrapped up in being beloved.

Workmanship = Poiema = Masterpiece

You exist because God wanted one of you.

Your intimacy with God and your identity and who you are must ALWAYS precede activity.

2) We were CREATED by God for His good PURPOSE.

When the God of the universe comes to live on the inside of you, He doesn't come in to be resident; He comes in to be president.

Isaiah 45:18 NIV – For this is what the Lord says—he who created the heavens, he is God; he who fashioned and made the earth, he founded it; he did not create it to be empty, but formed it to be inhabited—he says: "I am the Lord, and there is no other.

John 14:23-24 NIV

Matthew 20:26-27 NIV – Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, 27 and whoever wants to be first must be your slave—

In the Kingdom of God, there is no sideline. Everyone is on the field.

Some of us think that community makes mission, but it doesn't. Mission forms community.

3) We have been given a PLAN that God already DESIGNED.

"In his heart a man plans his course, but the Lord determines the steps." – Proverbs 16:9

If you are not in community, your true gifts will never get highlighted.

How do I discover God's specific plan for my life?

Seek His face.

Obey His Word.

Find out where God is working and join Him.

Listen to God and to the affirmations of others in the body of Christ.

4) We must keep taking STEPS of FAITH to enjoy God's best.

Jonah is swallowed by a fish. On the outside it looks like the end for him. But he is actually being carried by God. Sometimes life can swallow us whole. It looks and feels like the end. But the mystery of faith is that God uses all of this to carry us toward His purpose for us.

**WELCOME! OUR STRATEGY AT DPC: GATHER (GATHERINGS),
GROUP (CONNECT GROUPS), GROW (GROWTH PHASES),
GIVE (GIVING/GIFTING TEAMS, GO (OUTREACH)**

SUNDAYS IN MARCH - 9A + 11A MISSIONS MARCH: MISSIO DEI

God invites us on a mission to bless the world with the good news of Jesus Christ. First, He works in us, filling us with His message and His truth. Whenever God blesses us, it is so His blessing can flow through us to others. As He sends us out, God goes with us, and because of that we can live out the mission with confidence, knowing that He is for us. God works in us, through us, and for us so that every person can experience His glory. We are sold out to the Missio Dei (Mission of God)!

SUNDAY, MARCH 5 - SPRING 2023 CONNECT GROUPS

Connect Group will be meeting all over the community this day! We would love for you to get plugged into a group and experience transformation through genuine relationships with other believers. Visit the Next Steps table for more information!

**THURSDAY, MARCH 9 - 7P - 9P - NIGHT NINE OF OUR
WINTER SESSION OF GROWTH PHASES**

Join us for the eighth night of our winter session of Growth Phases. We can't wait to see all the Lord will do in and through your life this session!

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!

MONDAY, MARCH 20 - SATURDAY, MARCH 26 - MISSIONS WEEK

Join us as we serve our community in many different ways throughout the week! Find out more info and sign up to be a part at the Next Steps Table!

Monday, 3/20 - 10:00a - 12:30p - Next Steps Ministries

6:00p - 7:00p - Teacher Thank You Cards

Tuesday, 3/21 - Time TBD - Carmel Elementary Teacher Appreciation

Wednesday, 3/22 - 7:00p - 8:30p - We Love Woodstock Night

Thursday, 3/23 - 7:00p - 9:00p - Growth Phases Night

Friday, 3/24 - 4p - 4:30p - Green Park Senior Center

Saturday, 3/25 - 3:15p - 6p - Ansley Park Block Party