

Ascension

— MISSION STATEMENT —

Inviting those around us to encounter the living **Jesus** and be transformed to live life captivated by him.

— VALUES —

JESUS IS THE DEFINITION

We look at **Jesus** to see fully who God is, what it means to be human and how it looks to be fully alive.

PROPHETIC INTERRUPTION

We expect that **the Holy Spirit** will interrupt our plans, as he leads us as a community. We make space to respond to this as we follow him together.

EMPOWERING VOCATION

We are committed to helping people discover who **Jesus** has made them to be and empowering them to play their role in his rescue plan for creation.

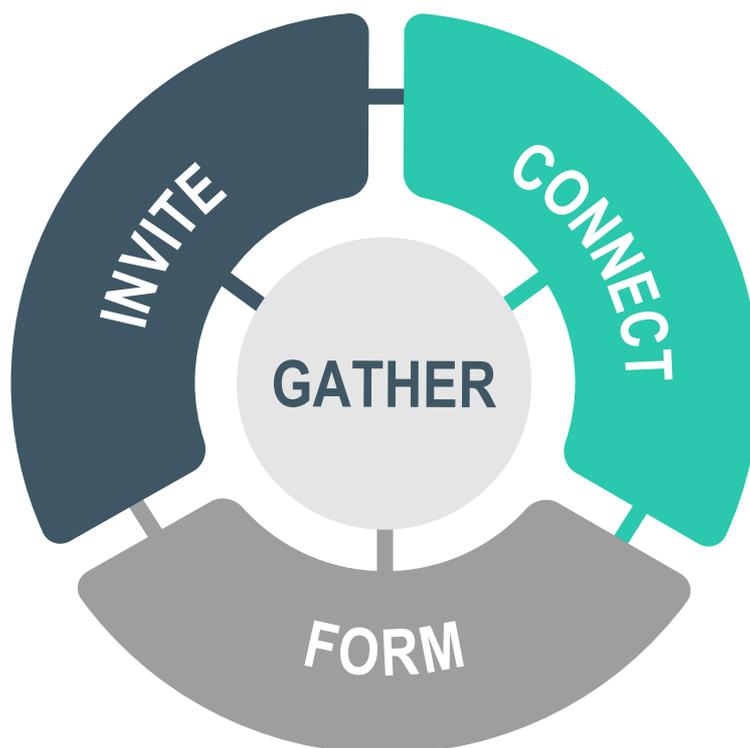
JESUS ENCOUNTER

We expect to encounter **Jesus** as present with us and to be changed through this. We intentionally shape our gatherings to make space for this.

DEPENDANT PRAYER

We seek to engage deeper and more often in prayer, only with this foundation will we see the impossible happen and lives be transformed by **Jesus**.

— STRATEGY —



GATHER

Our whole strategy is centred around gathering together. For us, whilst there is an individual dimension to our mission, gathering together whether as a whole church, in small groups or with one or two others is integral to us achieving our mission. Following Jesus is something we do together.

INVITE

The whole Christian life is an invitation; we don't have to respond. We can't control others but we can invite them. As such we make it our mandate to invite regularly, whether to know Jesus, to know him more, to a gathering or to relationship.

FORM

The only way to live the transformed life of Jesus is if we let him form and shape us to be more like him. The only way we will continue to accomplish our mission is if we are changed to do this we must attend to our spiritual formation.

CONNECT

We focus on people not projects. We want at the heart of any ministry we run to be connecting with people in relationship in a meaningful way. We don't want to offer a service to a client or treat people like a project. Instead we want to form friendships where we share our mutual stories as we serve one another.

— MISSION MARKS —

WE ARE ACHIEVING THIS WHEN:

- We see individuals growing in confidence that **Jesus** really is good news.
- We have stories of **God** present and acting in our lives.
- We have relationships where we spend time with each other outside of the meeting.
- We are growing in our expectancy that **God** speaks to us.
- As whole life missionaries we have an increasing conviction in who **God** has made us to be as individuals.
- We see a transformation in our character as we grow in openness to be formed into the likeness of **Christ**.
- We live invitational lives. Inviting those we know, whether to know **Jesus** for the first time, to go deeper with **Jesus**, to come to a Church event or to spend time with us.