



FOUNDATIONAL VALUES

Gospel

The gospel is the power of God to transform our identity and the purpose of our existence.

“For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, “The righteous shall live by faith.”

Romans 1:16-17

The gospel is the “good news” that answers the problem of our sin. It is the good news of the victory of God over sin, evil, and death, through the cross and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Sin is not recognizing God as Creator and Sovereign over our lives and therefore not to live for His glory and for His will for our lives. All of us have sinned and we have a real need for the gospel. We desperately need Jesus to save us from the penalty and the effects of sin, which ultimately is eternal separation from God. Jesus comes to our rescue with his grace, taking upon us our guilt and reestablishing our relationship with the Father, justifying us and adopting us as children in God’s family. As children, we enjoy every benefit that flows from this new identity: promises, hope, communion, and heritage.

Jesus redeems us with his love, he unites us to His life, and gives us of His Spirit. In the light of this amazing grace our hearts are made humble, responding in repentance and faith, we confess Christ as our Lord.

Community

The gospel unites us as a family of faith which lives in the city Bologna.

We want to give special emphasis to community, because the community demonstrates the gospel. God is one God in three persons; in Him there is perfect community. God has created man to be in communion with Him, but because of sin, this relationship was broken.

The bible tells us that when we receive Christ, we receive from Him grace, the right to be children of God, and become part of His family. As a result of apostolic preaching in the book of Acts, we see the birth of a passionate community of faith, and progressively, a network of vibrant communities, connected to each other in the gospel, spreading across the world.



In a world that is increasingly drifting away from God, we embrace with joy the good news of the gospel that reconciles us to the Father. In a world increasingly more alone, individualistic and divided, we receive with joy the good news of the gospel that gives us a local and global family.

As members of the family of God we are brothers and sisters among us. Because of this we are responsible to care for each others personal needs – both physically and spiritually. We cultivate relationships that “spur us on to love and good deeds.” We do so gathering regularly to celebrate and adore together, and being involved in smaller expressions of the community (GNV) we where can grow together, love one another, and serve our neighbor.

Mission

Jesus commissions us to make disciples, proclaiming and living the gospel every day and in all of life. As the new people of God we are invited and empowered by the Spirit to restore all things by means of Jesus Christ. God, the Creator, is a missionary. Fallen humanity has been constantly in pursuit of its own glory and autonomy from God (*“let us make for ourselves a name”* Gen.11:4). This wearisome search for dominion, to be attained at any cost, defying any obstacle, is destructive and the origin of every form of spiritual conflict, social and moral disorder. The mission of God is to redeem creation and fallen humanity from this dark vortex, so that it can experience the joy of living in His kingdom and reflect his glory.

For this reason Jesus came on mission, taking human form and living within His culture. He taught, worked, eat, interacted with people living in a way that the people around him could see and experience the goodness of the Kingdom of God.

At the cross Jesus demonstrated that the Kingdom is not tyrannical or oppressive, but a kingdom of love, where the King gives his own life for sinners, reconciling us to the Creator. In the resurrection, God attests that the Kingdom is real and tangible, making His name famous, and continuing His mission in the world.

In daily life, in every place, disciples witness to the joy of living in God’s Kingdom, and they invite all people to become part of this kingdom.