



## Know God, Grow Together and Go Make Disciples

### Vision

We are a family seeking to glorify God by becoming like Christ, demonstrating and declaring his love to others, restoring hope to families, neighbors and communities.

### Values

- Pursue Communion - Our highest priority as followers of Jesus Christ is found in our pursuit of a close, surrendered relationship with God.
- Live Truth - We are boldly committed to the truth, both about ourselves and about God. His Word is to be treasured as we are transformed to be more like him; honest, humble and gracious toward one another (Deuteronomy 6:4-9).
- Model Jesus - We submit ourselves to becoming more like Jesus, sacrificially giving our time and resources to love others and live among the lost, so they can know Jesus in us (Mark 12:28-34).
- Make Disciples - We seek to grow disciples in our church family, so that God can use us to multiply disciples by living among and boldly loving those who don't know Christ (2 Timothy 2:2).
- Build God's Kingdom - Jesus' rule and reign is at hand. We hold God's Kingdom higher than our own comfort or the prominence of our church. We rejoice in its beauty and sacrificially invest in its expansion here, there and everywhere.

### Missional Communities

The vision God has given Wintersburg Presbyterian Church (WPC) moves us from being a church that has been historically attractional, towards actively seeking to make disciples and ultimately to seeing ourselves as sent out. With permission, WPC will borrow heavily in our understanding and design of Missional Communities and utilize the resources developed by Dr. Todd Engstrom, Executive Pastor of The Austin Stone Community Churches in Texas.

Their definition of a Missional Community (MC) is a community of Christ followers on mission with God and in obedience to the Holy Spirit to demonstrate tangibly and declare creatively the Gospel of Jesus Christ to a specific pocket of people.

A Missional Community by nature is intended to be more than a typical Bible study, a fellowship group, social club, support group or weekly meeting. Healthy Missional Communities include all of those things over time, but it's a family of missionaries learning to follow Jesus in every area of their lives.

Missional Communities will utilize three practices:

1. Family Gatherings - They center around a meal where people learn basic biblical principles that would appeal to new believers.
2. Discipleship Triads -
  - a. Hear and Obey — We want to read God's Word every day and be held accountable to what we need to do in response.
  - b. Repent and Believe — We want to confess and repent of our sin and disobedience and remind one another to believe the good news of Christ's perfect life, his atoning death, and his resurrection.
  - c. Consider and Pray — We want to consider opportunities we have to share the gospel and then pray by name for individual people.
3. Third Place - This is a neutral and frequented place where someone can belong before they believe. We want to gather regularly to invite those who don't know Jesus to spend time with us frequently.