

## SLIDE 1

- **Our Vision** (*who we want to be as a faith community*)

“We want to see every man, woman, and child living lives of witness at home, at work, and at play.”

## SLIDE 2

- **FOUR COORDINATES**

TRUTH | WORSHIP | COMMUNITY | WITNESS

## SLIDE 3

- **Our Mission** (*how we become this vision for a faith community*)

“We do this by treasuring the **truth** of the gospel, **worshipping** Jesus Christ in word and deed, and growing in **communities** of faith.”

## SLIDE 4

*As a church: We want to be a community of faith where every **man, woman and child** lives a life of **witness** at work, at home and at play. We do this by treasuring the **truth** of the gospel, **worshipping** Jesus Christ in word and deed, while growing in **communities** of faith.*

## SCRIPTURE READING

1 After this Jesus went away to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, which is the Sea of Tiberias. 2 And a large crowd was following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing on the sick. 3 Jesus went up on the mountain, and there he sat down with his disciples. 4 Now the Passover, the feast of the Jews, was at hand.

11 Jesus then took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated. So also the fish, as much as they wanted.

14 When the people saw the sign that he had done, they said, “This is indeed the Prophet who is to come into the world!”

22 On the next day the crowd that remained on the other side of the sea saw that there had been only one boat there, and that Jesus had not entered the boat with his disciples, but that his disciples had gone away alone.

25 When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, “Rabbi, when did you come here?” 26 Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, you are seeking me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves.

30 So they said to him, “Then what sign do you do, that we may see and believe you? What work do you perform?” 31 Our fathers ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’” 32 Jesus then said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. 33 For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.”

49 Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. 50 This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. 51 I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.” 52 The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?” 53 So Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you.

58 This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like the bread the fathers ate, and died. Whoever feeds on this bread will live forever.” 59 Jesus said these things in the synagogue, as he taught at Capernaum.

66 After this many of his disciples turned back and no longer walked with him. 67 So Jesus said to the twelve, “Do you want to go away as well?”

**John 6:1-4, 11, 14, 22, 25-26, 30-33, 49-53, 58-59, 66-67 (ESV)**

## SLIDE 6

### **THE PASSOVER | EXODUS 12:7-13**

*7 "Then they shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. 8 They shall eat the flesh that night, roasted on the fire; with unleavened bread and bitter herbs they shall eat it. 9 Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted, its head with its legs and its inner parts. 10 And you shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn.*

*11 In this manner you shall eat it: with your belt fastened, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand. And you shall eat it in haste. It is the Lord's Passover. 12 For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the Lord. 13 The blood shall be a sign for you, on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague will befall you to destroy you, when I strike the land of Egypt.*

## SLIDE 7

### **MAKE A PLAN**

- 1. JOIN A COMMUNITY GROUP**
- 2. USE THE BIBLE APP**
  - "Bible in a Year" by Ligonier Ministries.
- 3. OPEN YOUR BIBLE...**

## SLIDE 8

### **HOW DOES TRUTH IMPACT OUR ENTIRE ORGANIZATION?**

*As a church, we are characterized by biblical preaching and teaching with the hope of ordering our lives according to the Truth of God's Word! The life of our church is saturated with and nurtured by faithful Bible teaching. Such teaching is central to the weekly gatherings of our church, and it consists of the exposition and application of Scripture. Such teaching is also central to all of our mid-week Bible studies, ministry to children and students, communal gatherings and seasonal retreats.*

*We believe that Truth is objective and lies outside of our own human wisdom and feelings. We believe that without Truth we would have no knowledge of the desperate and broken nature of the human condition and no ability to respond to the life-saving Gospel of Jesus Christ. Therefore, our church holds to the inspiration, inerrancy, authority, sufficiency and clarity of Scripture, and interprets each text of the Bible responsibly in context. Preaching the whole counsel of God across all of Scripture is non-negotiable to the life of our church. We stand in awe of God's Word, we are formed by it, and we hold fast to it.*

## SLIDE 9

### **HOW DOES TRUTH IMPACT OUR ENTIRE ORGANIZATION?**

1. SERMONS TAUGHT FROM THE PULPIT WILL FOCUS ON THE TRUTH OF THE GOSPEL
2. WORSHIP WILL BE LED IN SPIRIT AND THE TRUTH OF THE GOSPEL
3. THE MICRO-COMMUNITIES OF OUR CHURCH WILL REFLECT THE TRUTH OF THE GOSPEL
4. HOW WE WITNESS TO THE UNSAVED WORLD WILL BE BASED IN THE TRUTH OF THE GOSPEL

## COMMUNITY GROUP QUESTIONS

### Share thoughts & reflections from John 6

- If you have time, read the following verses to gain context of the whole chapter:
  - *John 6:1-4, 11, 14, 22, 25-26, 30-33, 49-53, 58-59, 66-67 (ESV)*
- In your own words, what do you think Jesus' intentions were of this 24-hour encounter with this giant crowd of followers?
- How would you describe Jesus' PR in the way he phrases his message? Does this fit your pre-existing perceptions of Jesus?
- What are the Gospel-connections in John 6?
  - *Exodus 12, 1 Corinthians 11, etc.*
- How is the TRUTH of the Gospel offensive to all who hear it?
- How have you (have you?) moved through the offensiveness and into the grace and gratitude of the gospel?
- How does this message of the gospel move out of "Bible time" and into the rest of our lives?
  - *Marriages & family relationships | Careers | Hobbies & interests | Finances | Etc.*
- How are you demonstrating a value for God's Word in your life *currently*? What goals and plans to accomplish those goals do you have when it comes to learning and treasuring more of God's Word this new year? How can this group help you accomplish those goals?

### PRAYER & PRAISE