

Elders Statement on Inerrancy and Spiritual Discernment

Inerrancy

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We believe that the Bible is the Word of God consisting of the 66 books of the Old and New Testaments, is verbally inspired of God, inerrant in the original writings, and that it is the supreme and final authority in faith and life.

Grace Church Statement of Faith

We affirm our belief in the inspiration and inerrancy of the Bible as expressed in our statement of faith.

We affirm that this statement does not preclude people from coming to different interpretations and applications of the Bible. People with a solid commitment to the authority and inerrancy of the Bible will have differences in how they understand, interpret and apply the Bible. Those differences do not necessarily signal or equate to a diminished view of the Bible.

Grace Church was established around eleven core beliefs which every member of Grace is asked to embrace. Outside of these core beliefs we acknowledge a wide range of views on a variety of issues. The theological history and heritage of Grace Church has always welcomed, affirmed and respected Biblical and theological diversity as a healthy component of the Grace Church family. Such diversity is part of our DNA as a non-denominational church family.

Process of Spiritual Discernment

When a question about theology or practice arises at Grace Church, the elders make the following assurances:

1. We will carefully examine the Scriptures which address the issue using a grammatico-historical interpretative method to guide our understanding.
2. We will prayerfully seek to discern God's direction for Grace Church.
3. Should any change in direction be proposed it will be done in a way that is consistent with the processes outlined by our Constitution/By-Laws.