

The Bottom Line

Transformation over Stagnation

Core 10: Week One

I. Our _____

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We value a continual process of discipleship, where we all strive together to be more like Christ and to not be satisfied with the same old us. We seek to grow together in personal spirituality, as well as in obedience to all Christ has commanded us.

II. Our _____ Mandate

Jeremiah 9:23-24

²³ This is what the LORD says:

“Let not the wise boast of their wisdom
or the strong boast of their strength
or the rich boast of their riches,
²⁴ but let the one who boasts boast about this:
that they have the understanding **to know me**,
that I am the LORD, who exercises kindness,
justice and righteousness on earth,
for in these I delight,”

declares the LORD.

Philippians 3:7-17

⁷ But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ.

⁸ What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth **of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord**, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ—the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith.

¹⁰ I want **to know Christ**—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead.

¹² Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me.

¹³ Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

¹⁵ All of us, then, who are mature should take such a view of things. And if on some point you think differently, that too God will make clear to you.

¹⁶ Only let us live up to what we have already attained.

¹⁷ Join together in following my example, brothers and sisters, and just as you have us as a model, keep your eyes on those who live as we do.

_____ to the _____ to _____ Christ

...by flipping your _____ once _____.

...by participating in Christ’s _____ as you _____ your life _____.

...by engaging in the _____ of the _____ as part of this transformation.

Grace Bible Chapel Core Values

Grace over Judgment

We value extending God’s mercy to those around us, forgiving, restoring, and welcoming. While there is a place for discernment and critique, even this must be done in a spirit of gentleness and love.

Bible over Opinion

We value learning what God has revealed to us in the Bible, our highest authority in life. We seek to rightly understand and obey God’s message to us in this time, and to speak with great conviction where the Bible is clear and with caution where the Bible is less clear.

Worship over Self

We value elevating God to first place in our affections and living a life that honors him. We express our love for God together on Sunday mornings, but we also strive to fill each day with a focus on God instead of a preoccupation with ourselves.

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We over Me

We value the community of life shared together with other believers. We strive to develop close relationships with other Christians to share in all the struggles and joys of a life lived in service to Christ.

Giving over Getting

We value sacrificial generosity in making use of the resources God has entrusted to us. We seek to leverage our time, finances, and skills to provide for others when they are in need and to make opportunities for the message of Christ.

Participating over Spectating

We value the active ministry involvement of all those who are part of our church. We aim for everyone to discover and employ their gifts to serve Christ both within our church in the community.

The Next Generation over My Generation

We value investing in those who will come behind. We seek to mobilize every generation to invest in children and youth to help raise them in the faith and give them a solid spiritual foundation.

Mission over Comfort

We value engaging in Christ’s mission to make disciples of all nations, a command which means our concern is not just Grand Rapids, but the world. We seek to continue our legacy of strong missionary service and support, joining in the work of God all around the world.

Outward over Inward

We value serving our community in areas of need, aligning our church as a whole with the posture of Christ who came not to be served but to serve. We desire to bless Grand Rapids by our presence and to take the message of Christ outside of our doors and into the community.