

Mission Statement of Ignite City Church

The mission of Ignite City Church is to LOVE GOD, to LOVE PEOPLE, and to MAKE DISCIPLES who make DISCIPLE-MAKERS.¹

Values of Ignite City Church

Ignite City Church will be...

- A Gospel-centered community.
- A worshiping community.
- A praying community.
- A confessional community.
- A repentant community.
- A redemptive community.
- A generous community.
- A missional community.
- A disciple-making community.

Ignite City Church: Core Beliefs

God.

We believe in the eternal + triune God as revealed to us in the Scriptures (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit), each person of the Trinity being fully God and yet collectively being one God.

Genesis 1:1; John 1:1; John 1:14; Colossians 1:15-17; Mark 12:29; Luke 3:22; John 14:9; 2 Corinthians 13:14; Hebrews 1:1-3

The Father.

We believe that the Father is the eternal and sovereign Creator; the faithful, good, infinite and holy Father who loved the world so much that he sent his Son, Jesus, in order to rescue those who surrender to the Lordship of Jesus.

Isaiah 64:8; Matthew 6:8-9; Matthew 7:11; Matthew 23:9; John 14:6-7; 1 Corinthians 8:6; Galatians 4:6; Ephesians 4:6; James 1:17; 1 Peter 1:3

Jesus.

We believe that Jesus is the Christ, fully God and fully man, begotten of the Holy Spirit, born of a virgin, sinless in word, thought, and deed. We believe that he was crucified in our place, was buried, and was resurrected three days later, having victory of sin and death, and now graciously and passionately offers

¹ The mission statement of Ignite City Church is based on The Great Commandment and The Great Commission.

forgiveness of sin and righteousness to those who place their trust in him.

Isaiah 7:14; Matthew 1:21-23; Isaiah 9:6; John 1:1-2; John 1:14; John 14:6; Romans 3:24-25; Romans 8:34; Colossians 1:15-17; Hebrews 1:1-3; Hebrews 4:14-16; Hebrews 7:25; Hebrews 9:24

The Holy Spirit.

We believe in the Holy Spirit who convicts the world of sin, pointing them to Jesus. We believe that he indwells and sanctifies each disciple of Jesus when he/she surrenders to the Lordship of Jesus, and who leads, guides, gifts, helps, convicts, encourages, and empowers the Church to accomplish the will of God.

John 14:6-7; John 16:7-15; Acts 1:8; Acts 5:3-4; Romans 8:9; 1 Corinthians 2:12; Galatians 5:22-23; Ephesians 1:13-14

The Scriptures.

We believe that the Bible, consisting of both the Old and New Testaments, is the very God-breathed inerrant word of God and is the final authority that we base our lives on. We believe the Bible, from cover to cover, is the beautiful story of the Gospel, telling us about Jesus and the life that he offers. As we walk with and abide in Jesus, through regular time spent with him reading His word, the Holy Spirit reveals his heart + will for us.

Luke 24:27; Luke 24:44; John 5:39; Romans 15:4; 1 Corinthians 2:13; 2 Timothy 3:16; Hebrews 4:12

Humanity + Sin.

We believe that every person is created in the very image of God and therefore has intrinsic value, designed and fashioned by God to bring him glory. However, we also believe that because of our rebellion which started in the garden with Adam and Eve, every person is inherently sinful and in rebellion against God, in need of reconciliation with God that only comes through confessing one's sin and placing one's trust in Jesus as Lord--a salvation that is by grace through faith.

Genesis 1:27; 1 Corinthians 10:31; Genesis 3:1-24; Romans 3:22-23; 2 Corinthians 5:21; Ephesians 2:1-3

Becoming a follower of Jesus.

We believe that being made right with God is a gracious gift that is received by grace through faith, not the result of works, by surrendering to Jesus as Lord by repenting from sin and placing one's faith and trust in the saving work of Jesus.

John 3:5-8; John 3:16; Romans 5:8; Romans 3:21-26; Romans 6:23; Ephesians 2:8-9; Hebrews 10:19-25

The Christian Life.

We believe that the process of discipleship is a life-long journey and loving relationship with our Creator whose desire is to conform us into the likeness of his Son through the sanctifying working of the Holy Spirit.

Matthew 5:16; Philippians 2:12-13; Philippians 3:10-16; Ephesians 2:10; Romans 12:9-21

The Church.

We believe that the church is the community of Christ-followers, forgiven and reconciled to God through Jesus, whose mission is to fulfill the Great Commission (to make, baptize and instruct disciples) and the Great Commandment (to love God and people), ushering in the reality of reconciliation, both between God and people as well as between people and each other while edifying the the church through the use of

spiritual gifts.

Matthew 28:18-20; 1 Corinthians 12:12-31; Ephesians 1:22-23; Ephesians 4:1-16; Colossians 1:18; 1 Peter 4:10-11

Eternity.

We believe in the personal and visible return of Jesus. We believe that every person is created for eternity, either eternity with God for those who have been reconciled to God through the redemptive work of Jesus, or eternity away from God in hell for those who do not receive God's forgiveness through surrendering to the Lordship of Jesus.

Matthew 25:31-46; John 14:3; Acts 1:11; 2 Thessalonians 1:7-10; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Revelation 20:1-15; Revelation 21-22

Statement on Marriage + Sexuality.

We believe that God created people in his very image with distinct biological sexes--male and female. This means that men and women have the same intrinsic value because of the value of their Creator. While roles may not be the same, the value and calling of men and women are the same. Because of this, Ignite City Church will intentionally stand for life and the equality of each person regardless of gender, race, socioeconomic status, or of one's background or present life circumstances.

We believe that God designed sexual relationships to be enjoyed exclusively within the marriage relationship, defined by Scripture as being between one man and one woman. Therefore, any sexual relationship outside the biblical definition of marriage is sin.

We believe that gender is the gift and calling of God, to be understood and celebrated as part of God's creative acts. We do not believe that gender is a human construct nor a decision that individuals make for themselves. Therefore, while we recognize that many people do not feel like their experienced gender is aligned with God's intention for them, we do not believe in resolving the tensions between their biological gender and the preferred gender through medical assistance or a new identity founded on one's personal preference or experience.

Within these convictions, we are convinced that God is a redemptive God who invites people to follow him through Jesus, receiving forgiveness of sin and a new identity in Christ. While we will continue to be tempted to do things that go against God's design and will, he graciously lavishes upon his people everything that is necessary to live a life of holiness in the fruit of the Holy Spirit, who is present with and available to every person surrendered to the Lordship of Jesus.

Genesis 21:26-27; 2:21-25; Psalm 139:13-16; Matthew 19:5-6; Mark 10:6-9; Romans 1:26-27; 1 Corinthians 6:9-11; 6:18; 10:13; 2 Corinthians 5:17; Ephesians 5:22-33; 1 Timothy 1:8-11; Hebrews 13:1-4; 2 Peter 1.3