



CALVARY

A Church Without Walls

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a statement of our beliefs and principles

1. We believe that we need never apologize for being all about Jesus. Jesus is our primary passion, our glorious leader; our gracious savior; the architect and builder of the church, the redeemer of our mess, the goal of our living, the point of the parade and the life of the party. We are all about Jesus.
2. We believe that faith-inspired risk honors God.
3. We believe that going deeper in discipleship is nothing less than growing in our capacity to love God, love our neighbors and love each other. Every metric we value should be tied to how well we love.
4. We believe that both our hearts and our minds are in the process of being redeemed, so we value intellectual humility.
5. We believe that unity is both a doctrine to believe and a command to live out.
6. We believe that God is worthy of our best, but He doesn't need it. So we will strive to give him our best but rest in the reality that he can do more with our failures than we can begin to imagine. So we work hard, but we also rest well. We Sabbath rest, because we need it, and God has given it to us.
7. We believe that generosity is a pathway to the heart of God. Our hearts follow our treasures. You will never, ever, ever out-give God.
8. We believe that Jesus is full of truth and grace and we need both. You cannot have one without the other; but if we err... we choose to err on the side of grace.
9. We believe that it is possible to bring together the best of the charismatic and evangelical streams and we desire to do so.
10. We do not believe that material comfort is a worthy goal for a Christ-follower. We live for a dream bigger than the American Dream and inconvenience ourselves for the sake of those in need, locally and globally.
11. We believe that the early church grew through an example of sacrificial generosity and supernatural grace, and so should we.
12. We believe that everyone has a calling and we want to help you discover yours.

13. We believe that if all we do is grow Calvary, we have failed. Our church is more than just Calvary. We love the whole church of the city.

14. We believe that Church is not primarily an address, it's a people. You can cancel a worship gathering, but no one has ever been able to cancel the Church.

15. We believe that laughter is good. We have fun. We take God's kingdom very seriously, but we don't take ourselves too seriously.

16. We believe that God wants to entrust us with his glory if we will give ourselves fully to him.

17. We believe that zero tolerance for unreconciled relationships pleases God. We resolve conflict because loving each other is the mark of a disciple.

18. We believe in the eternal second chance. We are ridiculous with grace. We extend forgiveness quickly.

19. We believe that we are better together. Jesus prayed that we would be one, so we partner wherever we can.

20. We believe that apart from Jesus, we can do nothing. So we pray. A lot.

21. We believe that God is able to do more than we can ask or imagine, so dreaming big is a theological exercise. On the other hand we do not despise small beginnings. God works in both.

22. We believe that it's okay to fail. So we aren't afraid to try new things. The best growth often happens in surprising places.

23. We believe God speaks so we value listening. That's why we read the Bible, because we need to hear from God.

24. We believe that only two titles really matter. The first we've already been given: beloved child of God. The second is a measure of greatness: servant of God.

25. We believe that flexibility, adaptability, resiliency serve us well in times that are always changing...and times are always changing.

26. We believe that some goals are so worthwhile that we are willing to do anything short of sin to accomplish them. We are pragmatic idealists.

27. We believe that we are called to be a movement not an institution. Alignment, collaboration and contextualization put the move in our ment.

28. We believe that our bottom line is the Kingdom of God, not the kingdom of Calvary, so we give to people and organizations even if our name isn't on it.

29. We believe that unity requires a big tent and a small core, theologically and experientially: unity in essentials, liberty in non-essentials, and in all things, love.