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CCF DNA



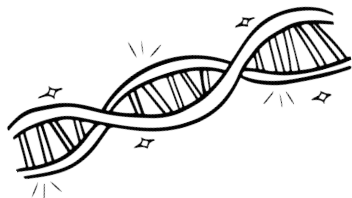
GLC ESSENTIALS

BOOK 4: ELEVATE & CCF DNA (Elevate Edition)
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Introduction

As you probably have figured out by now, we belong to a church of Christ-committed followers who make Christ-committed followers in the context of small groups. Why is this our primary culture?

In BOOK 4: CCF DNA (Elevate Edition), you will find out the reasons behind our priorities as a church – our mission, vision, core values, and strategies. You will also be introduced to the purpose for which God has called each and every Christ-follower to fulfill here on earth.

Just as parents pass on their DNA to the next generation, so are we to pass on to our “spiritual children” the CCF DNA that we embody and practice. So come, let us avoid any delay and move on to this next stop on our journey of following Jesus!

How to Use This Workbook

This workbook is for the *GLC Essentials BOOK 4: CCF DNA (Elevate Edition)* study. It can be used as a stand-alone Bible study guide for small groups.

Remember that the learning process is much more than just knowing the right answers to the blank spaces in this workbook. Obedience to God's truth through life application is more important. As we apply the lessons from *Book 4: CCF DNA (Elevate Edition)*, we will experience greater intimacy with Jesus, and more fruitfulness for His glory.

If you are a small group servant/facilitator, all you have to do is make sure that you do a personal Bible study using this workbook ahead of your small group meeting for preparation. Use the Leader's Guide found at the end of this workbook. Encourage your group members to have their own workbooks. Do not divert the teaching topic—stick to what is in the workbook.

The workbook includes the Bible lesson, and individual and small group learning activities to help you get the most out of your meetings. There are five parts in every session: Explore, Examine, Express, Experience and Equip.



Explore

This contains individual and small group activities that will help prepare you for the Bible study.



Examine

This is where you go through the Bible lesson.



Express

This is where the members of the group get a chance to express more of their insights, questions, and thoughts about the Bible lesson.



Experience

This section is accomplished outside the group meeting time. There are suggested individual or group activities (called “Life Apps”) that will hopefully help you experience life transformation as you apply God’s truth in practical ways.

As you begin, please remember that this workbook is just a tool designed for us to make disciples. We need to depend on the Holy Spirit to teach us God’s truth and transform our hearts and those of our disciples as we go through the module.



SESSION 1

Mission & Vision

Matthew 28:19-20

“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

“I have but one passion: It is He, it is He alone. The world is the field and the field is the world; and henceforth that country shall be my home where I can be most used in winning souls for Christ.” – *Count Nicolaus Ludwig von Zinzendorf*

“The will of God – nothing less, nothing more, nothing else. – *F. E. Marsh*



Explore

Puzzle Muscle

Rearrange the words and phrases below to form the Great Commission statement given by Jesus to His faithful followers in *Matthew 28:19–20*.

baptizing them	to observe all	teaching them	and
and lo	end of age	of the Father	Go therefore
and the Son	I am with you always	in the name	
even to the	and make disciples	of all nations	
and the Holy Spirit	that I commanded you		

Write out the phrases and words in the correct order here:

LEARNING NUGGET

Our Mission Statement in Christ's Commission Fellowship (and ELEVATE, its youth ministry) is based on the Great Commission of Jesus Christ as recorded in *Matthew 28:19–20*. In this lesson, you will discover what should be our main mission and vision as we live out our lives here on earth.



Examine

I. Definition

_____ defines what we do.
 _____ is a picture of what will happen if we fulfill our mission.

II. Difference between Mission and Vision

Mission	Vision
Statement of what we are supposed to be doing	Snapshot of what it will be in the future
Informs	Inspires
Head	Heart
Primary	Secondary

III. Benefits of a Clear Mission and Vision

- A. Determines our _____.
- B. Keeps us _____.
- C. _____ our members and leadership team.
- D. Reduces _____.
- E. Inspires _____.
- F. Assists _____.
- G. _____ like-minded people.
- H. _____ the organization.
- I. Promotes _____.
- J. Prepares us for _____.

IV. What is CCF and ELEVATE's Mission and Vision?

	CCF	ELEVATE	BIBLICAL BASIS
Mission	To honor God and make Christ-committed followers who will make Christ-committed followers.	To honor God and make Christ-committed followers who will make Christ-committed followers.	Matthew 28:19-20 <i>Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.</i>
Vision	To see a movement of millions committed followers of the Lord Jesus Christ meeting in small groups and transforming lives, families, communities and nations, for the glory of God!	To see a MOVEMENT of millions of Christ-committed students who are making Christ committed students, meeting in small groups, transforming lives, transforming families, transforming campuses, transforming communities, transforming nations, for the glory of God!	Revelations 7:9 <i>After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands.</i>

V. What is a Movement?

General Definition

A movement is a concerted action by a large group of people, who united by a common goal, are committed to work towards the realization of an ideal or better future.

Definition of a Spiritual Movement

A spiritual movement takes place when Christ-committed followers band together to lead people to believe in Christ, help them grow in their faith, train them to disciple others, and multiply Christ-committed followers so that millions of lives are changed, families are strengthened, churches are planted, and nations are transformed by the power of God.

VI. Why is Discipleship Important?

Disciple-making is the process of helping people believe in Christ, nurturing them to grow toward Christ-likeness so that they may also disciple others for the purpose of spiritual multiplication, resulting in the glory of God.

- A. It is a _____. (*Matthew 28:18-20*)
- Not a suggestion.
 - Not an option
 - No one is exempted.
- B. It is God's method for _____ and _____. (*2 Timothy 2:2*)
- C. It is God's way to bring _____ to Himself. (*John 15:8*)



Express

1. At the end of your life, would you be able to say that what you are living for now is worth what Christ died for?

On the “tombstone” below, write down a short epitaph of how you would want to be remembered.





Experience

1. Read the Great Commission of Jesus in *Matthew 28:19-20* and *Revelations 7:9*. After which, revisit the ELEVATE's Mission and Vision. After spending time in prayer and reflection, write a Personal Mission and Vision Statement that is aligned with the Great Commission. Make it simple and specific.



2. What will you do for the next 30 days to practice your Personal Mission and Vision Statement?

Examples of Companies and their Mission Statement

Google

To organize the world's information & make it universally accessible and useful

Microsoft

To enable people & businesses throughout the world to realize their full potential

Walt Disney

To make people happy

Jollibee

To bring great taste & happiness to everyone

Harvard University (Founded 1636)

To be plainly instructed and consider well that the main end of your life and studies is to know God and Jesus Christ.

Each diploma has the following words - "*Veritas Christo et Ecclesiae*" (Truth for Christ and the Church)

Yale University (Founded 1701)

Every student shall consider the main end of his study to know God in Jesus Christ and be answerable to lead a godly, sober life.

Motto: Lux et Veritas (Light and Truth)

Sadly, these Ivy League universities today no longer pursue the original purpose for their existence.

WHAT WILL BE YOURS?



SESSION 2

ELEVATE Strategy

But making disciples is far more than a program. It is the mission of our lives. It defines us. A disciple is a disciple maker. – *Francis Chan*

The 58 'one anothers' of the Bible- love one another, care for one another, help one another, encourage one another, serve one another, share with one another (etc.)- can only be done in a small group setting. – *Rick Warren*

Multiplication is what keeps the whole body of Christ, the whole kingdom of God growing and moving forward...By investing in the multiplication of followers, disciples, and leaders we will be contributing to that ultimate worship experience at the end of time—the one that will last. – *John Amstutz*



Explore

Sharing Time

As of the present, what are your plans to secure a good future? What preparations are you making so that your plan will materialize? Share your answer to the group.

LEARNING NUGGET

It pays to plan and prepare for our future. However, thinking of how you can grow spiritually has more weight since who you will become and what you will be doing matter for eternity. In this session, we will look at a strategy that will help us move forward in our discipleship journey towards Christ-likeness.



Examine

I. What a Strategy Is

- It is a _____ that enables us to accomplish our mission and vision.
- It aims to bring every believer from where they are to where God wants them to be.
- Strategy can change, but mission cannot.

II. CCF Strategy

A. _____

Read *Acts 2: 46-47*. How did the first century church look like?

- Small Group Discipleship is our basic structure and main ministry in CCF and ELEVATE.
- It is the model used by Jesus.

Benefits of Small Group Discipleship

Relationship	Team ministry
Accountability	Mutual care & encouragement
Modeling	Addressing of blind spots

B. Every Member A _____
 Read *Ephesians 4:11-12*. Whose task is it to do the work of service?

C. _____
 Read 2 *Timothy 2:2*. How many generations of disciples are considered as a successful ministry?

Year	Addition (Evangelism Only) You evangelize 10,000 people/yr.	Multiplication (Making Disciples) You disciple one person/yr who will disciple another person/yr, etc.
0	1	1
1	10,000	2
5	50,000	32
10	100,000	1,024
20	200,000	1,048,576
30	300,000	1,073,741,824

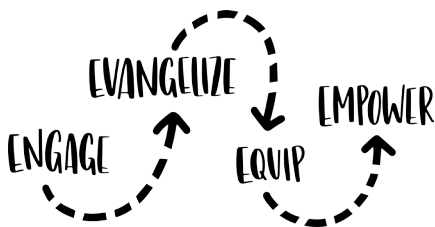
Chart 1.1: A Comparison Between Spiritual Addition and Spiritual Multiplication

D. _____ training
 Read *Luke 10:1*. How did Jesus empower His disciples?

III. Elevate Discipleship Journey

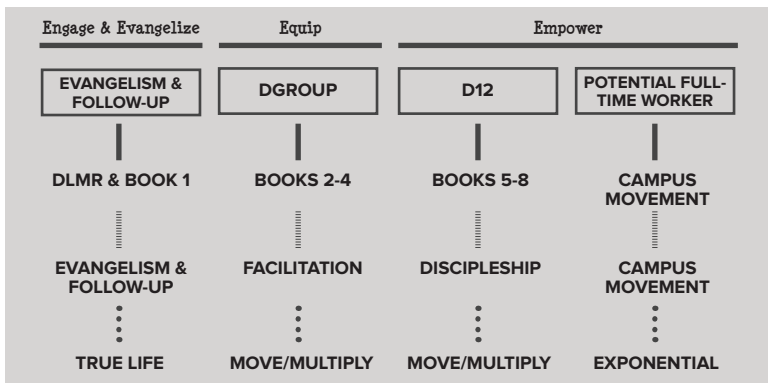
The ultimate goal of discipleship is Christ-likeness!

Discipleship Process



Engage	Reach out with God's love to family, friends, colleagues, and others who do not know Jesus yet.
Evangelize	Share the gospel of Jesus Christ clearly in the power of the Holy Spirit, leaving the results to God.
Equip	Disciple people towards spiritual maturity, resulting in spiritual multiplication.
Empower	Challenge them to spiritually multiply generation after generation of Christ-committed followers.

Roadmap





Express

Rate your small group in terms of how you are doing in the following areas:

Seen in our group – 2

Somewhat seen in our group – 1

Not seen in our group – 0

Afterwards, share how you can improve in these aspects.

Aspects	Rating	How can we improve this aspect as a group?
There is genuine relationship among every member of the group.		
There is honest and open accountability with members of the group in which blind spots are addressed.		
Christ-likeness is being modeled by all members		
We serve and do ministry together.		
There is mutual care and encouragement among one another.		
Members are being trained to disciple others and multiply.		



Experience

1. The ELEVATE training curriculum follows the CCF Discipleship Journey as it equips a person to progress through their journey towards Christ-likeness.

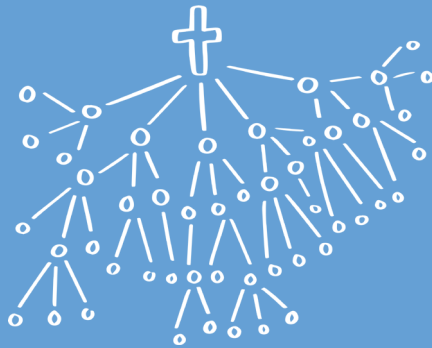
Where are you in your Discipleship Journey?

Create a gameplan timeline of how you plan to align with the ELEVATE training curriculum. When do you plan to go through each training module and how long do you plan to accomplish it.



2. Depending on how far along you are in the discipleship journey, write down one person from your family, friends, and classmates that you will help to move along through the process of knowing Jesus and growing in Christ-likeness.

ENGAGE How will I engage the lost?	EVANGELIZE When will I share the Gospel to this person/ group?	EQUIP Who will I train to share the Gospel to others?	EMPOWER Who will I "release" to lead their own Dgroup?
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SESSION 3

Core Values 1

Matthew 22:27-39

“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’”

1 John 4:19

“We love because he first loved us.”

See how these Christians love one another. –*Tertullian, 155 – c. 240 AD*



Explore

Sharing Time

Take turns sharing your answers in your group to the following questions:

When you were growing up, who did people say you took after physically or personality-wise? Is it your dad or your mom? Kindly explain.

Share one or two values that you learned from your parents that you continue to live by as a young adult.

LEARNING NUGGET

To a large extent, the way we are and the values we live out as individuals reflect the kind of family or organization we belong to. As Christ-committed followers, our lives ought to reflect the values that Jesus embodied and demonstrated during His earthly life. As members of ELEVATE and CCF, how we live our lives should also reflect the core values that are “encoded” in our church’s DNA.



Examine

I. Definition of Core Values

Core values define who we are and how we do things in order to accomplish our mission and vision. They are meant to set the culture of our organization and be our guiding principle when it comes to decision-making.

Examples of Organizational Values and Culture

Disney

- Safety
- Courtesy
- Fun
- Efficiency

Google

- Transparency
- Innovation
- Openness to Change
- Shared Leadership

Facebook

- Be bold
- Focus on impact
- Move fast
- Be open
- Build social value

II. CCF Core Values

These are the biblical values that we practice in order to accomplish our mission and vision:

Love God, love others
Obey God's word and authorities
Volunteer
Engage the family

A. Love God, Love Others

1. The _____ commandment
Read *Matthew 22:36-40*. What commandments are given in these verses?

Read *Luke 6:32-33* and *Luke 6:27-28*. How are we to love others?

2. Love is our most _____
Read *John 13: 34-35*. Why should we love one another?

3. Love is the _____
Read *Matthew 7:12*. How are we to treat other people?
 - Loving God is the sum of all moral obligations.
 - Loving one another is the sum of all moral ethics.
4. Love is best practiced in _____
Read *Hebrews 10:24-25*. What are we supposed to be doing when we meet together?

Love is demonstrated in small groups when members:

- Encourage one another
- Stimulate one another to love and good deeds
- Admonish one another
- Comfort one another
- Serve one another



Express

Reflect on the following questions and share your honest assessment of yourself to your group:

1. Do I love the Lord with all my heart, soul, mind, and strength? Is there anything or anyone in my life that competes with my affection for God?
2. To whom have I demonstrated sacrificial love in the past week? What has it cost me?



Experience

What can you do practice the core value of SACRIFICIAL LOVE FOR GOD AND OTHERS in the next two weeks?

1. I will practice sacrificial love for God by _____

2. I will practice sacrificial love for my family by _____

3. I will practice sacrificial love for my churchmate/dgroupmate/
ministrymate by _____

4. I will practice sacrificial love for my schoolmates by _____



SESSION 4

Core Values 2

The very word authority has within it the word author. An author is someone who creates and possesses a particular work. Insofar as God is the foundation of all authority, He exercises that foundation because He is the author and the owner of His creation. He is the foundation upon which all other authority stands or falls. – *R.C. Sproul*

The measure of a man's greatness is not the number of servants he has, but the number of people he serves. – *John Hagee*

Every Christian family ought to be as it were a little church. – *Jonathan Edwards*



Explore

Sharing Time

What values are you now prioritizing as a follower of Christ? How are they being demonstrated in your personal walk? Share to the group.

LEARNING NUGGET

All of us hold to some kind of core values that we have acquired and developed in the course of our existence here on earth which may be positive or negative depending on our experiences. However, now that we are in Christ, the core values that we should be living out must be that which Christ holds dear.

In this session, we will learn more of the core values we should be living out as a community of believers.



Examine

Recall

The core values of CCF (and Elevate) are:

*Love God, love others
Obey God's word and authorities
Volunteer
Engage the family*

In this session, we will be learning about the remaining three core values.

A. Obey God's Word and Authorities

**Obey always, except when it is clearly
against the Word of God. (Acts 5:29)**

1. Obey God's Word

Read *1 John 5:2-3* and *John 14:23-24*. How do we show that we love God?

Read *2 Timothy 3:16-17*. What are the blessings of applying the Word of God in our life?

2. Obey God's ordained authority

Read *Romans 13:1-2*. What should be our motivation for obeying our authorities?

Who are the authorities in your life?

- Parents (*Ephesians 6:1-3*)
- Church Leadership (*Hebrews 13:17*)
- Government (*1 Peter 2:13,15*)

God is sovereign over all human authorities.
(*Proverbs 21:1*)

Blessings of Obedience

It protects us

It guides us

It helps us know God's will

It grows our character

It stretches our faith



Express

Checkpoint!

Rate yourself in terms of how well you reflect these values in your life.

3- Very True

2 -True

1 - Somewhat True

0 - Not True

- a. I make it a point to meditate on the Scripture.
- b. I live out what the Word of God says.
- c. I have a submissive attitude towards my authorities.

B. Volunteer

1. Service flows from _____.
Read *Galatians 5:13*. What enables us to serve through this manner?

2. We are _____ to serve.
Read *Ephesians 2:10*. What are we created for?

3. We are _____ to serve.
Read *1 Peter 4:10*. What are you to do with gifts you have received?

4. Every member must be _____.
Read *Ephesians 4:11–12*. What are we to be equipped for?

5. Every member _____.
Read *1 Peter 2:9*. What is the purpose of you being called as part of God's family?

Volunteer what you have!



TREASURE



TALENT



TIME



INFLUENCE



Express

Checkpoint!

Rate yourself in terms of how well you reflect these values in your life

4- *Very True* 3-*True* 2- *Somewhat True* 1- *Not True*

- a. I am actively involved in an ELEVATE ministry
- b. I am regularly having fellowship with my small group
- c. I am discipling someone who is discipling others/will disciple as well.

C. Engage the Family

1. Family relationships are _____.
Read *1 Timothy 5:1–2*. How are we to treat others when we relate with them?

2. Discipleship begins at _____.
Read *Deuteronomy 6:4–7*. What is the primary role of the parents to their children?

3. Leaders must have a _____ home life.
Read *1 Timothy 3:4–5* and *1 Timothy 3:12*. How should a leader's family look like?

4. Husbands and wives should model serving together as a _____.
Read *Acts 18:26*. How did Priscilla and Aquila serve together?

5. Healthy family ensures a _____ and brings honor to God.
Read *Proverbs 22:6*. What is the blessing of raising children in fear of the Lord?

**“The light that shines farthest
shines brightest at home.”
- C. T. Studd**



Express

Checkpoint!

Rate yourself in terms of how well you reflect these values in your life.

3- *Very True* 2- *True* 1- *Somewhat True* 0- *Not True*

- a. I am a good role model in my family of what it means to be a Christian.
- b. I am intentionally taking steps to help my family grow spiritually.



Experience

Identify which of the core values that we discussed in this lesson do you need to practice more often. Give 1-2 specific action points you will take in the next two weeks for you to strengthen this core value in your life.

My Action Points



What's Next?

BOOK 5: STARTING POINT FOR SMALL GROUPS

Congratulations! You have completed *BOOK 4: DNA (Elevate Edition)*. Now as you internalize and live out the DNA of CCF and ELEVATE (Mission, Vision, Core Values, and Strategies) the next step for you in your discipleship journey is to pass this DNA on to your spiritual children.

Just as your parents passed on their DNA to you, so are you to do the same with our spiritual DNA to those whom God has given you to mentor and disciple in your own small groups.

BOOK 5: Starting Point for Small Groups will further equip you with the Biblical mindset for making disciples, as well as make you aware of your roles in the lives of your current or future disciples. By God's grace, you are now ready to pass on the CCF DNA—it is time to take that next step of faith! Let your next set of practical and on-the-job set of Bible-based lessons, *BOOK 5: Starting Point for Small Groups* help you do just that.

Go and enjoy taking this next of making disciples of Jesus of all nations in your campuses!

SUGGESTED ANSWERS

SESSION 1

I. DEFINITION

Mission defines what we do.

Vision is a picture of what will happen if we fulfill our mission

III. BENEFITS OF A CLEAR MISSION AND VISION

- A. Determines our **priority**.
- B. Keeps us **focused**.
- C. **Aligns** our members and leadership team.
- D. Reduces **frustration**.
- E. Inspires **cooperation**.
- F. Assists **evaluation**.
- G. **Mobilizes** like-minded people.
- H. **Protects** the organization.
- I. Promotes **unity**.
- J. Prepares us for **eternity**.

VI. BENEFITS OF A CLEAR MISSION AND VISION

- A. It is a **command** (Matthew 28:18-20)
- B. It is God's method for **spiritual multiplication** and **movement building** (2 Timothy 2:2)
- C. It is God's way to bring **glory** to Himself (John 15:8)

SESSION 2

I. WHAT A STRATEGY IS

It is a **plan of action** that enables us to accomplish our mission and vision.

III. STRATEGY

- A. **Small Group**
- B. Every Member a **Discipler**
- C. **Spiritual Multiplication**
- D. **On-the-Job** training

SESSION 3

II. CCF CORE VALUES

- A. Love God, Love Others
 - 1. The **greatest** commandment
 - 2. Love is our most **effective witness**
 - 3. Love is the **sum of the law**
 - 4. Love is best practiced in **small groups**

SESSION 4

B. VOLUNTEER

- 1. Service flows from **love**.
- 2. We are **saved** to serve.
- 3. We are **gifted** to serve.
- 4. Every member must be **trained**.
- 5. Every member a **minister-discipler**.

C. ENGAGE THE FAMILY

- 1. Family relationships are **foundational**.
- 2. Discipleship begins at **home**.
- 3. Leaders must have a **healthy** home life.
- 4. Husband and wives should model serving together as a **team**.
- 5. Healthy family ensures a **spiritual legacy** and brings honor to God.

APPENDIX

CCF Statement of Faith

GOD

We believe that there is only one God, eternally existent as three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. He is the creator of heaven and earth, independent of His creation, and is sovereign, all-knowing, all-powerful, all-present, unchanging, just, loving, completely truthful, and holy.

(Genesis 1:1, 26, 27; Psalm 90:2; Matthew 28:19; 1 Peter 1:2; 2 Corinthians 13:14; Isaiah 6:3; Titus 1:2; John 3:16; 1 Chronicles 29:11–12; Malachi 3:6; James 1:17; Jeremiah 23:23–24)

JESUS CHRIST

We believe that Jesus Christ in the flesh was both God and man. That He was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and that He was born of a virgin. He lived a sinless life. He was crucified, and He died to atone for our sins. By His blood, the Lord Jesus Christ made a perfect sacrifice for sin once and for all time.

He was raised from the dead on the third day. Later, He ascended to the Father's right hand where He reigns as the head of the church and intercedes for believers. We believe He is coming again, bodily and visibly, to the earth to set up His kingdom, and to judge the living and the dead.

(Matthew 1:22–23; Isaiah 9:6; John 1:1–5,14; Hebrews 4:14–15, 1 Corinthians 15:3–4; Romans 1:3–4; Acts 1:9–11; 1 Timothy 6:14–15; Titus 2:13; Ephesians 1:22; Hebrews 7:25)

HOLY SPIRIT

We believe that the Holy spirit is God and possesses all divine attributes. He indwells all believers and baptizes them all at the moment they trust

in Jesus Christ to be their only Savior and Lord. He empowers all true believers to live the Christian life resulting in their obedience, confession of sins, and submission to Him.

(Romans 8:9–11; 2 Corinthians 3:17; John 16:7–13; Acts 1:8; 1 Corinthians 3:16; 1 Corinthians 12:12; Ephesians 1:13; Galatians 5:25; Ephesians 5:18)

THE BIBLE

We believe that the Bible (66 books, 39 Old Testament books and 27 New Testament books) is the Word of God — supernaturally inspired, inerrant, and infallible. It is our supreme authority in all matters of doctrine and conduct. We also affirm its sufficiency, clarity, and necessity for genuine Christian living.

(2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:20–21; Psalms 119:105; Psalms 19:7–11; Proverbs 30:5)

SALVATION

We believe that salvation, with its forgiveness of sins and impartation of a new nature, is a free gift of God. Those who trust in Jesus Christ to be their only Savior and Lord have eternal life. It is given by God's grace and cannot be earned through good works, baptism, church membership, or any other means.

EVERY CHRISTIAN'S MISSION

We believe that it is God's will and command for every Christian to be actively engaged in telling others how to establish a personal relationship with God through faith in Jesus Christ, and in discipling those who respond to the good news of salvation.

GOOD WORKS

We believe that good works are not the means to salvation but the expected byproduct in the life of a true believer in Christ. The evidence of true salvation and true faith is good works and changed lives. It is every believer's responsibility to pursue a life of good works through the power of the Holy Spirit.

(2 Timothy 1:7–8, 4:2; 2 Corinthians 5:19–20; Matthew 28:19–20; Romans 6:23; Ephesians 2:8–9; John 14:6; John 1:12; Titus 3:5; Galatians 3:26; Romans 5:1; Ephesians 2:8–10; Galatians 6:9–10; Matthew 5:16; 1 Timothy 6:18)

CHURCH

We believe that the church is the Body of Christ, a fellowship of all true believers who confess Jesus Christ as the Lord and Savior, called by God to live in the unity of the Spirit, to worship God, and to make disciples of all nations. The church exists both as a local congregation and a universal body of Christ. We believe that Jesus Christ instituted two sacraments (ordinances): baptism and the Lord's Supper.

BAPTISM

Water baptism by immersion is an act of obedience to Christ's command. It is a public confession of our personal faith in Jesus Christ. As Christ died for us, we were raised from death; we walk in newness of life with Him.

LORD'S SUPPER

The Lord's Supper is an act of proclamation of Christ's death until He comes, and an opportunity for examining ourselves and living worthily to honor Christ.

(Ephesians 5:25–27; Philippians 2:1; Ephesians 4:12–13; Ephesians 1:12; Matthew 28:19–20; Mark 1:9; Colossians 2:12; Romans 6:3–4; 1 Corinthians 11:24–32; Matthew 26:26–29; John 6:53–57; 1 Corinthians 1:2; Matthew 16:18)

