



Our **Foundational Values**

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The Truth

We are not ashamed of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. It is central to all preaching, teaching, leadership, and ministry. We will be known as a church that boldly loves, shares, and lives the message of Scripture.

Abiding

Jesus Christ is the center of our lives and church. Life and ministry are less about our accomplishments for God, and more about what God is accomplishing in us and through us as we abide in Him. Ministry, creativity, and leadership flow from the place of personal dependence on and passion for Jesus, our First Love.

Unity

We seek unity not merely for the sake of unity, but for the health and greater good of the church, and for the sake of the Gospel. We will navigate conflict with truth in love, managing tension without being disagreeable, as our leadership stewards the mission of Jesus and the vision of the church.

Transparency

We all stand on common ground. We will walk authentically on the same journey, even if at different places on the journey. We will be real with each other about our doubts, struggles, sin, and victories, humbly inviting accountability for our lives.

Leadership

We will seek out and build into trustworthy people for leadership roles in the future life of Grace Community Church.

Investing

We will proactively invest our life experience and faith journey in others so that they might grow in life and faith.

Intentionality

We will guard against mission-drift as a church. Any endeavor will be intentionally filtered through Grace's mission, vision, values, and strategy.

Relevance

We will develop a culture that understands, and is understood by, the world around us. We will communicate, create, and minister in ways that thoughtfully connect with people.

Excellence

We will give the best we have for the best there is—Jesus. For God's glory, our good, and other's joy, we will never settle.

Risk

We will not make decisions based on fear. Even if it sounds crazy, if it is Spirit-led, we will trust the Holy Spirit, hold hands, and go for it.

Sacrifice

We will joyfully sacrifice our time, talent, and treasure to do whatever it takes to honor God, disciple the people of God, and reach those far from God.

Compassion

We, the Church, will always look beyond ourselves to find ways to show kindness, love, and grace to every person we encounter regardless of their lifestyle, background, or issues.

