



Our Values

1. Students Are Partners

We desire to be a ministry that celebrates the gifts and talents of all students instead of a visible few. We believe that God gives each of His children unique abilities that should be used to the fullest. Because the church is a body, a single spiritual entity with many parts, each person is vital to the spiritual health of the church as a whole and every student has a stake in the influence of our ministry.

2. People Not Programs

We want to focus our time on building life-changing relationships. It's not about working for God, but letting God work through us. People connect to people, not programs. We are not a club or an event, but a gathering of freed slaves reveling in our newfound liberty.

3. We're Part Of A Bigger Picture

We are part of God's bigger picture in the world and in history. We are not special or alone in accomplishing God's redemptive work in the world. He does not need us, He uses us if we make ourselves available. Our mission is to win people to Christ– not a church or denomination– and help them find a community of believers where they can grow. The Attic is not a substitute for church, we are part of the larger body at Grace Covenant Church.

4. No Matter Where You Are

We welcome everyone into our community no matter who they are or where they've been. As we grow in our walk with God our awareness of our own hopelessness without Christ grows and causes us to live with an ever increasing dependence on Him and acceptance of others. It makes us more humble and loving, not proud or judgmental.

5. Teaching Like Jesus

We believe that the Bible is God's message of hope, truth, and love to humanity. It describes His plan to restore the intimate relationship between Himself and people that was lost in the Garden of Eden. We believe Jesus taught: to be's not how to's, why's not just what's, dependence, not formulas, lists, or steps– and so we should teach that way.

6. Growing Small While Growing Big

As we grow big, we must grow small. We believe that life-change happens best in small groups during the week, in living rooms, combining God's Word and authentic relationships. To experience deep biblical community we must make a simple, but difficult decision: make it a priority.

7. Real Not Superficial

We freely pray, celebrate, comfort, cry, play, support and love one another other like a family. We aspire daily to live a life only explainable by the power of God. We believe people are attracted to a place where the love of Christ is evident in the hearts of people. We should be different from our culture. Our distinctiveness should attract others, not repel them.

8. Ministry In The Third Place

We believe that lost people matter to God and ought to matter to us. Reaching others means being available and alert to where God is working– exposing people to the gospel, not imposing it on them. God does the hard part, we do the easy part. Every student is a minister serving God everyday in their sphere of influence. We all have a ministry in our "third place"– a place other than our home or school– where we courageously influence others.

9. Inconvenience

Inconvenience keeps our focus outward and prevents us from having a consumer mentality. Too much comfort makes us soft, self-focused and impotent.

10. Worship Not Performance

We are made for worship– all of us worship something or someone. We desire to worship our Creator and Savior and to spread his fame alone. Whether expressed in song, service, or obedience, we desire our worship to be genuine and to give God His rightful place on the throne of our lives. We do not worship a method, person, or event, but Jesus Christ– nothing else can endure it. Prayer is a highly visible and regular part of our worship.