



Series Overview and Guides

2026 ANNUAL VISION | SERIES 3

MAY

Objective

what we hope to see God accomplish in us through this study

We live out the values of the Kingdom of God.

STATEMENTS OF THE OBJECTIVE

"Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe everything I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

—Matthew 28:19-20

"Christians are lovingly commanded to make disciples of all nations and teach everyone to live according to the principles Jesus taught His own disciples. While the specific application of the principles will be unique to different cultures and contexts, the principles themselves are never changing. This series seeks to clearly identify the values we hold tightly to and encourage the body at Frisco Bible to live them out to the glory of God."

—Jared Coe

"It makes no sense to send [people] forth having offered them only some timid, vacillating opinion or options about conduct in the hope that in the course of their wanderings, they will stumble onto some more definite personal preferences which will become their 'values.'"

—William Bennett
The Moral Compass

Premise

why we are studying this

Our world is overrun by uncertain and shifting values. Culturally, an individual's values are based primarily on their feelings and an internal sense of right and wrong. Phrases such as, "Live my truth" and "authentic self" are pervasive and reinforce the idea that truth is malleable. Unfortunately, the heart is deceitful (Jeremiah 19:9, Proverbs 28:26, Matthew 15:19) and changeable values lead to utter foolishness and all manner of debauchery. In light of this truth, **we will** hold to the rock-solid, never-changing values of the kingdom of God (Matthew 7:24-29, 16:16-18).

STATEMENTS OF THE PREMISE

"Therefore, everyone who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain fell, the rivers rose, and the winds blew and pounded that house. Yet it didn't collapse, because its foundation was on the rock. But everyone who hears these words of mine and doesn't act on them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. The rain fell, the rivers rose, the winds blew and pounded that house, and it collapsed. It collapsed with a great crash." When Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were astonished at his teaching, because he was teaching them like one who had authority, and not like their scribes."

—Matthew 7:24-29

Theme

what the study is about

We identify and explain the five values that guide Frisco Bible Church, encouraging and instructing the body of Frisco Bible to implement these values in our everyday lives.

STATEMENTS OF THE THEME

"You guide me with your counsel, and afterward you will take me up in glory."

—Psalm 73:24

"Why would we attempt to build spiritual lives without a clear ministry blueprint? Simple church leaders are designers. They design opportunities for spiritual growth. Complex church leaders are programmers. They run ministry programs."

—Thom S. Rainer
*Simple Church: Returning to
God's Process for Making Disciples*



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GROUP DISCUSSION



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VALUE

SCRIPTURE READING

Philippians 2:16; Matthew 7:24-29;
1 Corinthians 2:12-13

KEY IDEAS

THEME

Our lives must be based on something trustworthy and reliable. The Word of God, while living and active, is also enduring and foundational. When we hold fast to the Word we will be equipped to stand strong against the swirling currents of culture and will be a beacon of light in a dark world.

LIFE-CHANGE OBJECTIVE

We trust the scriptures.

TRUST GOD'S WORD

"Imagine you were taking a cross-country trip by car and the only tools you had to guide you were a broken-down compass that didn't point north, a faulty GPS, and a set of road maps that were out of date and full of errors. How confident would you be of reaching your destination?... The good news is you don't need to take the road trip of life with faulty tools either. Why not? 'The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul. The statutes of the Lord are trustworthy, making wise the simple' (Psalm 19:7). The Bible is God's inspired, infallible word. You can trust God's word, because you can trust God."

—Ray Fowler
Trustworthy and True (Infallible)

PRAYER

Pray for each other this week, that we find strength in the Word of Life.

Session 1: Hold Fast to the Word

1. Read 1 Corinthians 2:2-13
 - What made Paul's teaching persuasive? What gave his words power? (vv. 3-5)?
 - What did Paul mean when he says that he was "explaining spiritual things to spiritual people" (v. 13)?
2. Read Philippians 2:13-16.
 - Who is doing the work in our lives (v. 13)?
 - How do we "hold firm to the word of life" (v.16)?
3. Read the following passages of Scripture. *The Word of Life informs us.*
 - 1 Corinthians 2:12: Are unbelievers able to understand the things of God as believers do? Why or why not?
 - 1 John 5:9-13: For what purpose did John write these words? What do his words teach about eternal life?
 - Mark 12:24: What is the impact of not knowing Scripture?
4. Read Matthew 7:24-27. *The Word of Life establishes us.*
 - How is the strong foundation built?
 - What are some practical ways that you hear the words and act on them?
5. Read 2 Timothy 3:16-17. *The Word of Life corrects us.*
 - Why is correction sometimes necessary?
 - What is the desired outcome of correction?
6. Read Psalm 119:161-162. *The Word of Life inspires us.*
 - In what ways does the Word of Life inspire believers?
 - Share about a time that the Word has inspired wonder, rejoicing, or action in your life.





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SCRIPTURE READING

Ephesians 4:15-16, 22-32

KEY IDEAS

THEME

We are commanded and enabled to grow up in Christ. Doing so brings remarkable blessings, particularly adding value to those around us.

LIFE-CHANGE OBJECTIVE

We mature in our faith.

CHANGING VALUES

"Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. Jesus doesn't change that base in human nature when a person trusts Christ. He changes what we value. When saved, I begin to treasure different things; I gain eyes for a new value system. The drive of the human heart is still present – it just drives toward a different treasure."

—Paul Hahn
Frisco Bible Church Elder

REAL LIFE

"The great thing, if one can, is to stop regarding all the unpleasant things as interruptions of one's 'own,' or 'real' life. The truth is of course that what one calls the interruptions are precisely one's real life -- the life God is sending one day by day."

—C.S. Lewis
The Pilgrim's Regress

PRAYER

Pray that we lovingly encourage each other to grow in Christ.

Session 2: Grow Up in Christ

1. Read Ephesians 4:15-16 and Matthew 28:19-20.
 - What does "growing in Christ" look like in everyday life, both inside and outside of church?
 - What are some signs that a believer is *not* growing in Christ?
 - Believers are called to help each other grow in Christ. What does it mean to "speak the truth in love" and "teach them to obey"?

2. Ephesians 4:15 describes Christ as "the head".
 - What does it mean that Christ is the head? (See also v. 16).
 - How can we practically stay "connected" to Christ?

3. Read Ephesians 4:22-24. In this passage, Paul describes how to grow in Christ: *take off the old self* → *renew your mind* → *put on the new self*.
 - How do these practices promote growth of the body?
 - Read Romans 12:1-2. How does this passage help you understand the practice of renewing your mind?
 - Which of these practices do you find most challenging? Share an example from your personal experience if you feel comfortable.

4. Read Ephesians 4:25-32. As you read this passage, identify the various practices and behaviors of the old self that believers are to "put off."
 - How is our growth in Christ affected if we fail to put off these behaviors?
 - How does your personal growth affect those around you (in your family, church, community, or work)?
 - Christian growth can be painful at times. What are some practical ways you can support and encourage one another in this process?



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GROUP DISCUSSION



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VALUE

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 2:41-47

KEY IDEAS

THEME

The choices made by the first local church in Acts 2 serve as a blueprint for building community.

LIFE-CHANGE OBJECTIVE

We devote ourselves to biblical community.

COMMUNITY

“A considerable body of research has suggested that religious service attendance powerfully affects health and other aspects of our flourishing such as meaning in life, character, and close social relationships... Other evidence suggests that religious service attendance is associated with subsequently greater meaning in life, greater social connection and support, and lower likelihood of divorce. One interesting aspect of these associations is that it seems to be service attendance, rather than religious or spiritual identity or private practices, that most strongly predicts health. Something about the communal religious experience seems to be very powerful.”

—Tyler J. VanderWeele
Flourishing and Religious Attendance

PRAYER

Pray for each other, that we would be devoted to building community.

Session 3: Build Community

1. Read Genesis 2:18 and Acts 2:41-47.
 - God said it isn't good for the man to be alone. Why are relationships and community so important for man? How should we deal with isolation and loneliness?
 - According to Acts 2, what are some things the early converts did that built community?
2. Review verses 41 and 47. *They identified with Jesus.*
 - How do shared beliefs, baptism, and worship strengthen the community?
 - Discuss the importance of having a common bond in a community. What happens to community when that bond is broken?
3. Review verses 42 and 46. *They devoted themselves.*
 - The Greek word for *devoted* means steadfast determination. Why is it important that we have a determined mindset when it comes to community?
 - Have you ever wanted to skip a community event (church service, life group, Bible study, etc.)? Share what happened.
4. Review verse 43. *They were in awe.*
 - Consider the awesomeness of God's grace and forgiveness given to you. How does this help you relate to other believers?
5. Review verse 44. *They committed to community.*
 - What does it mean to be *together*? Is it just physical presence, or something more? (See also Psalm 133:1, and 1 Corinthians 12:14-22).
6. Review verses 45-46. *They freely gave to the church.*
 - Why is giving an important part of community? How does our giving reflect our values? (See also James 4:1-3).
7. Review verse 47. *They became more effective.*
 - How does having a strong community help the church witness to non-believers?

