

### **VISION & MISSION**

When we think about the future of Rise Church, we want to equip people to dare to live and love like Jesus. That's really the only way we are going to be able to bring hope into the lives of people who are hurting. Jesus is our hope for tomorrow, today.



"We are daring to live and love like Jesus."

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## **CORE VALUES**

JESUS is our hope the BIBLE is our guide

**DISCIPLE-MAKING** is our pursuit **COMMUNITY** is our way of life **GENEROSITY** is our response



#### **EVANGELISM**

Through consistent prayer and God's leading, we will develop evangelism training to implement throughout Rise Church by means of sermons, classes, and small groups.

This training will help develop personal spiritual accountability. Creating an intrinsic desire to reach the lost, as well as forming a bond with other Christ-followers through peer-to-peer accountability.

We will gather the needs throughout our community through relationships established with the local schools, counselors, community, and city officials. We do this, so that we may be a partner to the city in helping strengthen our community, those relationships, and helping fill some of those needs.

A prayer wall will be created in the Fireside Chapel designated to different focuses all throughout the year. This will provide a church-wide opportunity to pray for people who are in need and are far from God. This will also help facilitate an ongoing, personal desire for evangelism in our focus, as a church.

#### DISCIPLESHIP

A pathway to discovering one's purpose in Jesus, is critical to spiritual formation and maturing as a Christ-follower. This discipleship plan will begin at the point of contact, either through outreach events or our connection cards. Our team will ensure that we connect with guests and help them enter a discipleship pathway.

This pathway begins with an introduction to the leadership team and the church through Pizza With A Pastor, as well as a spiritual gifts assessment. We'll then add connection points such as Alpha, Small Groups, our Mentoring Program, and our All In Gathering.

Our prayer is that our mentoring plan/program – the Paul/Barnabas/Timothy Mentorship Program, will be developed from small group relationships. We'll host a 1-day workshop to introduce this plan with a specific process for each role and how it should be lived out in the context of relationships.

We'll collect discipleship stories along the way and use those to celebrate God's victories, as well as encourage others to take their next step.

#### **NEXT GENERATION**

Our heart is to not only get connected to youth, but to create a community for them to grow into a deeper and long-lasting relationship with God through teaching, friendships, and serving.

We're hosting monthly events for Kids, Students, and College Age young adults in our community and developing a follow-up team to ensure that they stay connected.

Through outreach, we're going to deepen our relationships with schools and youth programs located close to Rise Church. Our hope is to encourage and support our teachers and administrators by serving them in small but consistent ways, all throughout the school year.

We will celebrate our youth and remind them of their value not only as Christ-followers, but as contributing members of their church and community by integrating them into church services, events, and outreach. We'll collect stories regarding their journey and their growth to share and to celebrate our Next Generation.

