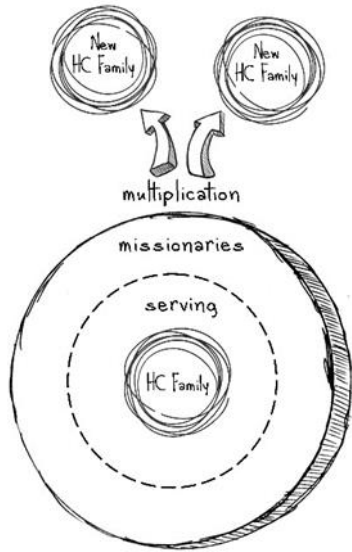


Home Communities (HC)



What is a Missional HC?

We read the bible and learn to apply God's word, but we're not a bible study.

We share in community, but we're not a social gathering.

We break bread together, but we're not a dinner club.

We pray, but we're not a prayer group.

We are a small group of people who meet weekly outside the church building for the purpose of evangelism, community, and spiritual growth with the goal of making disciples who make disciples which results in multiplication.

Read 1 Corinthians 9:1-18

- 1) In Seattle (and much of America) there is a lot of skepticism about giving to a Church: what is your perception of tithes and offerings? Why do you think or feel the way you do?
- 2) Vv. 1-14 is to the congregation, and vv. 15-18 is to pastors: for the section that applies to you, how do you respond to what it says? What changes, if any, do you feel the Spirit leading you toward based on this text?

ACTS of the Spirit in Corinth

Should ministers be paid a fair wage for ministry?

I. Context – structure of 1 Corinthians:

- ❖ Chapters 1-6 address the problems in the church:
 - Chapters 1-4 – factions in the church.
 - Chapter 5 – their refusal to discipline.
 - Chapter 6 – lawsuits & sexual immorality.
- ❖ Chapters 7-15 address the questions of the church:
 - Chapter 7 – virginity, divorce, singleness
 - Chapter 8-10 – how to exercise Freedom in Christ
 - Chapters 11-14 – issues of worship and spiritual gifts
 - Chapter 15 – the Resurrection & afterlife
- ❖ Chapter 16 is the collection for the poor & conclusion.

Why did Paul feel compelled to defend himself?

- ❖ The Accusation: “Paul, you must not be an Apostle because you didn’t pass the plate for an offering.”

II. Paul’s Response and the Application for Grace Church Seattle (9:1-14)

- ❖ Paul Defends his Apostleship (9:1-2)

¹ Cor. 9:1 Am I not free? Am I not an apostle? Have I not seen Jesus our Lord? Are not you my workmanship in the Lord? ² If to others I am not an apostle, at least I am to you, for you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord.

What is an Apostle?

- ❖ Rights of an apostle (9:3-6)

³ This is my defense to those who would examine me. ⁴ Do we not have the right to eat and drink? ⁵ Do we not have the right to take along a believing wife, as do the other apostles and the brothers of the Lord and Cephas? ⁶ Or is it only Barnabas and I who have no right to refrain from working for a living?

❖ Five reasons those rights are legitimate (9:7-14)

#1 – Other Jobs (v. 7) –

⁷ *Who serves as a soldier at his own expense? Who plants a vineyard without eating any of its fruit? Or who tends a flock without getting some of the milk?*

#2 – Biblical Case (v. 8-11) –

⁸ *Do I say these things on human authority? Does not the Law say the same?*

⁹ *For it is written in the Law of Moses, “You shall not muzzle an ox when it treads out the grain.”¹ Is it for oxen that God is concerned? ¹⁰ Does he not certainly speak for our sake? It was written for our sake, because the plowman should plow in hope and the thresher thresh in hope of sharing in the crop. ¹¹ If we have sown spiritual things among you, is it too much if we reap material things from you?*

#3 – Justice (v. 12a) –

¹² *If others share this rightful claim on you, do not we even more?*

#4 – Priests were paid (v. 13) –

¹³ *Do you not know that those who are employed in the temple service get their food from the temple, and those who serve at the altar share in the sacrificial offerings?²*

#5 – Jesus’s words (v. 14) –

¹⁴ *In the same way, the Lord commanded that those who proclaim the gospel should get their living by the gospel.³*

Summary of 9:1-14: A congregation ought to financially support their pastors, missionaries, and their families.

¹ See Deuteronomy 25:4 and 1 Timothy 5:18.

² See Numbers 18:8-31.

³ See Luke 10:7-8; Matthew 10:10.

III. Paul refused his right to be paid – Why? (9:12b, 15-18)

^{12b} *Nevertheless, we have not made use of this right, but we endure anything rather than put an obstacle in the way of the gospel of Christ.*

❖ Paul did not want to “hinder” the gospel (9:12b).

¹⁵ *But I have made no use of any of these rights, nor am I writing these things to secure any such provision. For I would rather die than have anyone deprive me of my ground for boasting. ¹⁶ For if I preach the gospel, that gives me no ground for boasting. For necessity is laid upon me. Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel! ¹⁷ For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward, but if not of my own will, I am still entrusted with a stewardship. ¹⁸ What then is my reward? That in my preaching I may present the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my right in the gospel.*

❖ Paul wanted to boast in the gospel, not financial reward (9:15)

- Paul felt compelled to preach regardless (9:16)

— This is a matter of contentment (Phil. 4:11-13)

— Consumed with God’s mission.

- To him this was not just a “stewardship” (9:17)

❖ His reward was to offer the gospel free of charge (9:18)

Summary of 9:12b, 16-18: A minister with right motives will seek to share the gospel no matter the circumstances.



Send Good News and Great Joy!

Pack a Shoebox >



We will be collecting for Operation Christmas Child from now until November 19th. For more information on Operation Christmas Child, to obtain a shoebox, how to pack one, and how to track the box you've sent, please connect with Angela Barton in the foyer after today's service.

LOOKING AHEAD

Nov 19Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes DUE
Nov 23THANKSGIVING
Nov 26NO EVENING MINISTRIES
Dec 17K-3rd Christmas Program *during the corporate worship service*
Dec 17Children & Youth Christmas Party 5:30pm
Dec 24Christmas Eve Service 5pm
Dec 25Christmas Day
Dec 28-29Winter Youth High School Retreat - Jantzen Beach Portland
Feb 9-10CB Northwest Men's Equip - Tacoma

LOVE God & people by praying for: Margie Fry (constant nausea & vision loss), Judy Cole (chemo for CMML(leukemia)), Jan Linville (bladder healing), Ken Stalling (stroke recovery), Kim Smith (healing from seizures), staff & elders of Grace Church, safety during Sunday activities at Grace. And the ongoing health needs of Bill Hall.

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November 12, 2017



ACTS OF THE Holy Spirit

CONNECT

Welcome to Grace! Thanks for joining us today. Feel free to bring your coffee into worship and make yourself comfortable. Take a deep breath, clear your head, and prepare your heart and mind to worship our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Grace Church is committed to living authentically in relationship with God and others. Together we strive to meet the needs here and around the world. To learn more, grab a booklet from the desk in the foyer.

If you would like us to follow up with you, feel free to fill out this form, tear it out and drop it at the Welcome Center or in the offering plate.

today's date

name

I am a guest of

address

phone

phone (cell)

email

- ☐ How to begin a relationship with Jesus
- ☐ Want to know more about Grace
- ☐ Interested in joining a Home Community
- ☐ Interested in serving at Grace (if so where?) _____
- ☐ Address/info change
- ☐ Add me to the church email list
- ☐ Interested in baptism
- ☐ Interested in membership

THIS WEEK AT GRACE

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12

- 7:00 am Prayer in the Upper Room
- 9:00 am HC Leaders Meeting
- 10:30 am WORSHIP CELEBRATION
*K-3rd dismissed to Kid's Church downstairs
Kid's bulletins available in the foyer*
- 12:00 pm Resource Advisory Team - *conference rm*
- 2:00 pm Surviving the Holidays - *rm 123*
- 5:30 pm Awana, Youth DNA & Adult Classes
- 7:00 pm High School Youth CanaVox Discussion

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13

- Church Office open 9 am to 4 pm*
- 9:30 am Mama Tribe - *Lil Bug Studio*

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14

- Church Office open 9 am to 4 pm*
- 1:00 pm Bible Study Fellowship *room 128*

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15

- Church Office open 9 am to 4 pm*
- 8:30 am Hands on Ministry

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16

- Church Office open 9 am to 4 pm*
- 1:30 pm Women's Bible Read - *Upper Room*

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17

- Church Office closed*

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18

- Church Office closed*
- 10:00 am GriefShare - *room 123*

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19

- 7:00 am Prayer in the Upper Room
- 10:30 am WORSHIP CELEBRATION
- 5:30 pm Awana, Youth DNA & Adult Classes
- 7:00 pm High School Youth Group

BUDGET THRU 11/05/2017

We are -\$11,567.11 below
our anticipated YTD giving.
BUDGET YTD \$ 204,600.36
GIVING YTD \$ 193,033.18
We are at 94% of budget

*GRACE CHURCH exists to LOVE God & people,
PROCLAIM Christ, BUILD community,
EQUIP the saints, MULTIPLY ministers,
and missionally SEND out followers of Christ to
be the Church wherever we are.*

NURSERY VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

We are in need of one nursery volunteer on the second Sunday of every month and one volunteer for the third Sunday. If you have a heart for ministering to young families, contact Victoria at victorias@gracechurchseattle.org or (206)937-8400.

MONTHLY HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH & PARENT DISCUSSION GROUP

Every 2nd Sunday of the month, beginning November 12, Katy Faust will host once-a-month discussion group for high school girls and their moms called CanaVox JV. Each month we will study a different theme touching on human sexuality. We will focus on explaining the soundness of traditional sexual morality from two points of view: natural law as expressed through social and natural science, as well as good common sense. Pastor Lucas will be leading a father/son discussion on the same topics emphasizing natural law and give sons a chance to ask honest questions. We encourage dads to attend with their sons. Check with Lucas for more details. Moms, if you are interested in joining us, or if you have any questions, email Katy Faust at katyf@canavox.com or Pastor Lucas at lucasf@gracechurchseattle.org

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY

Sunday AM Security personnel needed! This one Sunday a month ministry opportunity is from prior to church time through the church service. Please contact William George for details at williamandrose@gmail.com.

HOME COMMUNITY GROUPS

If you've been searching for a place to connect, join a Home Community group! Groups meet almost each day of the week. Contact the church office at (206) 937-8400 or you can find info on groups in the Fall Booklet.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

Would you be willing to minister to our young families on the evening of Dec 24? We need 4-5 people to spend time with our babies through 3 year olds during our 5pm Christmas Eve Service. If you're available, please talk to Victoria at the church office at (206) 937- 8400 or victorias@gracechurchseattle.org.

BAPTISM MOVED TO DEC 3

For anyone who would like further information or would like to be baptized, we have moved the date to Sunday, Dec 3rd. Please contact Pastor Ryan or the church office (206) 937-8400.

ONLINE GIVING

For those giving their tithes and offerings online, we ask you to consider setting up a bank transfer rather than using a debit or credit card for your online giving. As we work to be good stewards of the funds you donate to Grace, the actual costs to process a credit or debit card can be anywhere from 2% for debit cards to over 4% per transaction for credit cards. With bank transfer, it is only 1% plus .29 per transaction. Thank you and we appreciate your consideration in this matter.

THANK YOU VETERANS for your SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY