



## SOMA ONE DAY TRAINING | MEMPHIS, TN | 6/8/13

### + WHAT IS THE CHURCH?

We need to define the Church in light of:

1. Who God is
2. What God has done
3. Who He has made us to be
4. What He has saved us to do
5. How we do it in our unique situation

### + THE CHURCH IS *FORMED AND INFORMED* BY THE GOSPEL

The Church is **God's People** (who we are) saved by **God's Power** (what He has done and is doing) for **God's Purposes** (the good works he created us in Jesus Christ to do)

### + THE POWER OF THE GOSPEL TO SAVE A PEOPLE

There are three aspects of our salvation that are key to understanding our purpose.

**PAST:**            ***We have been saved from the penalty of sin.***

God is Father.

Jesus is the Beloved who lived a perfectly submitted life to the Father and died in our place to make us acceptable and loved by the Father.

We were children of wrath but have been saved by grace through faith and now are the beloved children of God. We are the FAMILY of God.

We love one another as brothers and sisters

**PRESENT:**        ***We are being saved from the power of sin.***

God is Spirit.

The Holy Spirit anointed, filled, led and empowered Jesus for his mission.

We were powerless under sin but we have been given the Holy Spirit to live a new life on mission. We are sent and empowered MISSIONARIES.

We are sent to show and tell about Jesus wherever we are.

**FUTURE:**        ***We will be saved from the presence of sin.***

God is Son.

The Son is the supreme King over all creation who served us first to bring about the rule and reign of God.

We were slaves to sin and servants of the god of this world and Jesus set us free to serve him and enjoy his reign forever. We are his SERVANTS.

We serve others as we were served to bring the kingdom into the present.

### + THE PURPOSE OF GOD FOR OUR SALVATION

The Church is Saved by God's work for God's Work (Eph. 2:10)

- The Church exists to bring glory to God in all things (Eph. 1)
- By Making Disciples who grow up into Christ (Matt. 28:19-20)
- And live all of life in light of the Gospel and Make Disciples who do the same

***A Disciple is one who increasingly brings all of life under the Lordship of Jesus Christ and leads others to do the same.***

## **+ MISSIONAL COMMUNITIES**

Disciple-making requires:

- Life on Life
- Life in Community
- Life on Mission

At Soma, we believe the best way to realize this is through Missional Communities.

**MISSIONAL COMMUNITY DEFINED: A Missional Community is a FAMILY of MISSIONARY SERVANTS sent as DISCIPLES who make DISCIPLES.**

**Clarification: A Missional Community is NOT PRIMARILY:**

- A Small Group
- A Bible Study
- A Support Group
- A Social Activist Group
- An Affinity Group
- A Weekly Meeting

## **+ FORMING MISSIONAL COMMUNITIES**

### **1. Build a foundation on the Gospel**

- Gospel Power – Saved from Penalty of Sin; Being Saved from Power of Sin; and Will Be Saved from the Presence of Sin
- Gospel People – New Identity in Christ
- Gospel Purpose – Making Disciples who Make Disciples in everyday life

### **2. Develop a Gospel fluent culture**

- Get to know the Story of God with the ability to point to Christ in every story
- Get to know each other's stories Listening with Gospel Ears
- Celebrate and Proclaim the Gospel through the Meal (Eating and Lord's Supper)
- Apply Gospel to Head, Heart and Hands in light of The 4 Gs (God is Great, Glorious, Good and Gracious)

### **3. Identify a mission together**

- Ask God to clarify your mission – Who you are called to make disciples of
- Begin to pray intentionally for the mission
- Leaders clearly state the mission and call others to participate in it

### **4. Reorient the life of the community around the mission**

- Shape the weekly schedule to flow with the cultural schedule
- Adjust the missionary strategy to the "seasons" and patterns in the culture
- Develop pathways of engagement in the gospel – Demonstrate and Declare
- Consider forming a Covenant together around the mission

### **5. Live life together with Gospel intentionality**

- Live together on mission in such a way that it demands a Gospel Explanation
- Live in the Everyday Rhythms of life with Gospel Intentionality:
  - Eat
  - Listen
  - Story-formed
  - Bless
  - Celebrate
  - ReCreate
- Be prepared to give an answer for the way you live (1 Pet. 3:15) and share the Gospel