

MISSION:

The “mission” of a church is ultimately the non-negotiable imperative for the Church.

New Community’s Mission:

We exist to be a city within a city that passionately loves Jesus CHRIST, engages in authentic COMMUNITY, and radically advances the CAUSE of Jesus.

We exist to help RECONCILE people to God, reconcile people to each other, and connect people to God’s causes.



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NC3 2015 Strategic Plan: Execution Plan

One Church,
Serving Multiple Communities,
For the Good of the Entire City.

MODEL:

The “model” is the “framework” a church chooses or creates to advance its specific given mission. A model is much broader and much more encompassing than a specific program.

New Community’s Model: *Small Groups.* Small group ministries are the best places in which truth and life transference can happen in the context of deep relationships.

We believe that discipleship best happens when there is “truth and life transference” in the context of deep relationships. We believe that this is what Jesus modeled for us all through the Gospels. Discipleship involved both TRUTH (time in the Word) and sharing of LIFE (time in relationships). Both were necessary and critical to the spiritual formation of the disciples and their mission in the world.

Our goal is to connect every worship attendee to a small group community. We want every single person to be in small groups! This is how we are “forming” disciples of Jesus Christ at NC3!

PROGRAMMING:

Programming is chosen or created to FACILITATE a SPECIFIC MODEL, which in turn FACILITATES a church’s MISSION.

As we think about our MODEL and our PROGRAMMING, we recognize that we can’t “program” life change and life transformation. That is the work of the Holy Spirit. The only thing that we can do is through excellent programming, we provide “spaces” or “environments” for God to work.

How do we PROGRAM things in such a way that we create maximum “spaces” or “environments” where there will be intentional, consistent, exposure and experience to them?

1. Coming to embrace the centrality of the “Gospel” (versus “religion”)

“I really understood the Gospel of grace for the first time in my life!”

What does this look like at NC3: CHRIST Ministries

2. Doing life with people in an environment of authenticity and transparency. Building relationships with people of other race, cultures.

“It was through my relationship with her/them that I truly began to understand God’s grace and what God’s love for me really means...”

When we hear from God through someone and when we see God in someone, our faith gets bigger. We can’t program this, but how do we create spaces and environments that are conducive to the development of these types of relationships? Our entire ministry model needs to be designed to move people into groups. We need to create models that are “relationship-centric”

What does this look like at NC3: COMMUNITY Ministries

3. Serving in a ministry with other people they enjoy being around.

Serving in a ministry that’s making a concrete kingdom impact. People who make a “connection” via serving in a ministry with others are significantly more likely to STICK than those who do not serve.

What does this look like at NC3: CAUSE Ministries

How does SERVING change lives?

It provides a “space” for people to make relational connection. Some of the deepest relationships develop with people that serve together.

- a. People sense that they are “needed” and important for the mission.
- b. Being thrust into ministry environments against our wills stretches and grows our faith like nothing else, especially when we feel ill prepared! Stepping into ministry positions enables us to experience God’s power through us, especially when we know that it wasn’t us who did it!