



Mission Statement

Inspiring people to believe and live like the Gospel changes everything.

Belief Statements

ABOUT GOD

God is the one and only true God, yet He exists in three persons: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. God is the Creator, so everything belongs to Him and is under His control. God is holy, so He is righteous, majestic, and loving. God is all knowing and purposeful, so He's at work to bring about His will. No person, thing, or idea compares to God.

◆ GENESIS 1:1, 26, 27,
3:22

◆ PSALM 90:2
◆ MATTHEW 28:19

◆ 2 CORINTHIANS 13:14

ABOUT THE SCRIPTURES

God reveals Himself to us through the Bible, and it is 100% accurate, reliable, and authoritative.

◆ 2 TIMOTHY 3:16
◆ 2 PETER 1:20-21

◆ PSALM 119:105, 160,
12:6

◆ PROVERBS 30:5
◆ ISAIAH 55:11

ABOUT PEOPLE

People are made in God's image and for His pleasure. But everybody falls short of God's intention, or ideal, for people. In other words, everyone has sinned. As a result, we are all separated from Him, even though He wants an intimate relationship with each of us.

◆ GENESIS 1:27
◆ ISAIAH 53:6

◆ ROMANS 3:23
◆ ISAIAH 59:1-2

◆ PSALM 139:13-16
◆ COLOSSIANS 2:13-15

ABOUT SALVATION

That's why Jesus—God's Son—came and lived on this earth, died, and rose again. God offers His free gift of salvation to all who believe in Jesus and accept Him as Savior—the only way to be forgiven and reconciled to God. Anyone who accepts this gift is adopted as a son or daughter into God's family and will live with Him forever in heaven. This story of God's rescue and restoration of sinful people into loving relationship with Himself is commonly known as the Gospel.

◆ ROMANS 6:23
◆ EPHESIANS 2:8-9

◆ JOHN 14:6

◆ ROMANS 5:1, 5:8,
10:9-10

ABOUT GROWING IN JESUS

The Bible refers to all followers of Jesus as His disciples. Growing as a disciple of Jesus is the process of moving from unbelief to belief in the power of the Gospel to influence every area of our lives – decisions, difficulties, finances, relationships – the Gospel affects everything.

◆ ROMANS 12

◆ EPHESIANS 3:17-19

◆ HEBREWS 12:1-2

ABOUT COMMUNITY (“Belong – Believe – Become”)

We want everyone to feel that they have a place to belong here whether they think like us, look like us or act like us. We approach others with the idea that someone can be welcomed and belong in our community well before they establish what they believe about Christianity. One's faith journey is best traveled while being well loved and cared for in community. When people, (even those seemingly “far” from Christ) belong, then what they believe will more often gravitate toward Christ-centered realities that transform us all into who Jesus wants us to become.

◆ ROMANS 14:1, 4, 12, 22

◆ 1 CORINTHIANS 10:23-4

Values

Our values are rooted in our beliefs and speak to how we accomplish our mission. Another way to put it is this: our values compile the attitude we carry as we do the work of the mission. Our values are our style and approach to ministry.

Our values include the Three Bs, (Belong, Believe, Become) mentioned in our belief about community, and our Relationship Principles both of which speak to how we receive and relate with people.

Principles for Good Relationships

“The Kingdom of God expands at the speed of relationships.”

~Caesar Kalinowski

At cfParis we are all about relationships. We have discovered that living by the eight principles below provides us biblical and practical ways to cultivate and keep our relationships healthy and strong.

The Forgiveness Principle

I will choose to walk in forgiveness and not easily take offense against me.

The Faithfulness Principle

Faithfulness to our relationship outweighs the importance of any offense between us. I will not allow any problem to override the principles by which we live.

The Friendship Principle

It is my responsibility to approach you if I need your help. I will not expect you to interpret my actions or recognize my heart's condition.

The Final Word Principle

I will believe and act upon the last words we spoke concerning our relationship.

The Flexibility Principle

I will search out options with you in making possible adjustments in how we relate to one another.

The Four-Day Principle

I will not allow any problem I have with you to go unresolved for more than four days.

The First Word Principle

You will be the first person to hear about any problem I have with you.

The Frustration Principle

When all efforts to apply these principles have failed to the point of frustration, we will commit ourselves to appeal to a person with higher authority for the sake of the relationship.