

BEGIN WITH YOUR EXPERIENCE

Our **STRATEGY** is to Gather – Connect – Serve and our **VALUES** are Transparent Relationships, Intergenerational Discipleship, Purposeful Responsiveness, and Radical Generosity. Here's another chance to review those with your group. If there is any confusion about any of those, do your best to answer as a group and let us know if we can help clarify. For us, our strategy is **"Where you go"** at Christ Community. It is our missional map to show people the way toward accomplishing our mission. Our values are **"What you feel"** when you are with the church. They reflect our shared convictions and reveal our strengths as a church.

A LOOK IN GOD'S WORD

When you look up the four passages of Scripture to determine the Goal and the Strategy for each, don't dive too deep here (unless that's where the Spirit leads you of course!). Generally, I would look at these passages briefly in a quick overview and then spend a little more time with the Hebrews passage. They become illustrations of spiritual goals and strategies where the Hebrews passage focuses on a biblical example of our strategy.

Spend some time evaluating and discussing whether Gather – Connect – Serve is a balanced approach to helping people connect well and grow spiritually. Are those good steps on the road map toward spiritual growth?

MY LIFE- OUR MISSION

Are the people in your group engaged with the mission that God has called us to as a church? That's what this discussion is about. This discussion has the opportunity to help people discover any areas where they are simply "observers in the stands" and begin to identify some ways God may be prompting them to get into the game and join the team on the field.

Announcements:

Connect Groups: We do have about 30 people this fall who are looking to get into a group, maybe more after Sunday! Are there leaders in your group who need encouraged to take a step of faith and lead a group? Could your group grow with the intention of someday becoming two groups? Could you make room for someone to join your group now? Pray over those questions and consider how we can connect more people into life defining relationships in Christ.

LAUNCH Wednesdays 6:30pm-8:00pm for 7 weeks [10.04 – 11.15, restarts mid-Jan]. 3rd-5th graders discover the bigger story of the Bible. They will learn to navigate and read the Bible, going more in depth, tying concepts and events and people and God's over-arching redemption to Sunday's story.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS for HAITI We are packing and sending gift bags to elementary children in Haiti. We will be distributing the bags on September 10 and 17 brought back, filled, on October 7. Our Haiti Mission team will be distributing them as part of our ministry in November. Contact Marcy Ryken with questions. ryken6@hotmail.com.

Bolivia Recap - Our Bolivia Clean Water team spent 10 days in Bolivia, providing wells and water filters for people with our missionary partner, Danny Beams. Sunday, September 24 at 4:30pm in room C3/4 the team will present about their adventures, as well as how God is working in Bolivia through the Beams and their ministry, Agua Yaku.



INTENTIONAL: What Jesus can do through purposeful disciples

Intentional #3
David A. Staff, Teaching Pastor

INTRO: This week’s teaching underscored the INTENTIONALITY of the STRATEGY the Lord has given us (the CCC Body of Christ) to accomplish our mission: *connecting people to life-defining relationships in Christ.*

QUESTIONS: From last week, can you recall our CCC family values?
How would you explain the difference between “values” and “strategy”?

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Have you ever used a “strategy” for accomplishing something specific (and important) in your life? Have you ever

- intentionally saved to purchase something?
- Intentionally taken training (or a course of study) to qualify for a career or job?
- Intentionally lost weight?
- Intentionally _____ (you finish the sentence)

How important was your “strategy” to what you achieved?

Now...discuss your initial thoughts about “How important is it to have a spiritual-growth goal...and strategy?”

LOOK IN THE WORD

Christ Community Church’s strategy has three ACTION items: GATHER/CONNECT/SERVE. For fun, look at the following Scriptural “strategy” examples, identify the SPECIFIC GOAL and the STRATEGY ACTIONS which can accomplish that goal.

	What’s the GOAL?	The STRATEGY ACTIONS?
KIDS & PARENTS in Deut 6:1-8	_____	_____
DEFEATING JERICHO Josh 6:1-21	_____	_____
MESSIAH COMES Luke 10:1-20	_____	_____
BUILDING THE BODY Eph 4:11-16	_____	_____

When you think about it, the Spirit is always employing a “strategy” to accomplish what the Lord wants to happen with people. **Review again our ministry’s strategy this way.**

- (1) Read together Hebrews 10: 19-25
- (2) Where in this passage can you identify our GATHER strategy? Our CONNECT strategy? And our SERVE strategy?

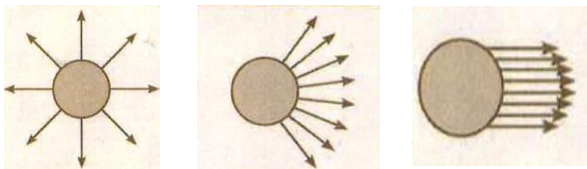
Do you find this a balanced approach to helping people connect well? Share your thoughts on this.

MY LIFE - OUR MISSION

In which of the strategies are YOU most consistent? (in *Gather* or in *Connect* or in *Serve*)

In your least-consistent strategy, is there a step you might take to make our CCC team stronger?

Here are some diagrams which represent when team members pull together, or not? Which of these diagrams represents a team with the most momentum toward the goal of connecting people to life-defining relationships?



What do you think would happen if everyone on the CCC team consistently “gathered, connected, and served”?