

LIGHTING THE FUSE



FOR THE NEXT GENERATION

LIVING A DISCIPLED LIFE

As Christians, we are a rescued people. Through the cross we have been rescued from death into life to the full. Because of this we want to be a community transformed, made up of disciples seeking to live Christ-like lives of love and gratitude for God and others. At Magnify Church we have six values to help understand our discipleship and how to respond to the beauty of the gospel in every stage of life.



CELEBRATE THE GOSPEL

WORSHIP >>



Kids

- > Engages with God in individual worship through rhythms of prayer and consistent scripture reading in the home and alongside parent.
- > Observes, mimics and eventually embraces the value of corporate worship through singing, praying and hearing the teaching of the Word.
- > Shapes the imagination through hearing the great stories of the Bible.
- > Enjoys Bible reading as literacy increases.
- > Engages in independent and spontaneous times of prayer.
- > Wonders at creation as revelation of God's glory, delight and beauty.
- > Experiences relationships of grace.
- > Responds to sin by asking for forgiveness.



Students

- > Embraces the responsibility to meet with God regularly through consistent prayer and scripture reading.
- > Aims to know God and receive His love instead of earning acceptance.
- > Expects transformation through faithful participation in the body of Christ.
 - In other words, “be where you’re supposed to be”.
- > Responds to the grace of God by living in gratitude.
- > Responds to sin by repenting and accepting God’s grace through faith.
- > Finds identity in what God says about them; they are safe, significant, and set free.

Adults

- > Whether we are aware of this or not, all of our life reflects who we worship. We want to be people who engage with God in individual worship through consistent prayer and scripture reading. We also participate weekly in corporate worship, musical worship, prayer, scripture reading and teaching.
 - How did my behaviors this past week reflect who I worship?
 - What is my motive for attending church?
 - How would I describe my love for God?
 - How can I live in a way that celebrates the Gospel of Jesus Christ?

LEARNING TO CARE

LEARN >>



Kids

- > Understand the big story of God's love and rescue told throughout scripture.
- > Experiences scripture using sight, sound, and taste.
- > Memorizes scripture.
- > Enjoys all truth as God's truth, which draws them to wonder, fun, and adventure as they experience His good creation.
- > Experiences freedom and safety found in obeying authority.



Students

- > Learns to care about their biblical understanding of who God is and His redemptive story; Creation, Fall, Redemption, Church, New Heaven and New Earth.
- > Equipped to interact with God's word: interpret and apply scripture, with a posture of expectation.
- > Learning takes place in relationships: true learners are building a biblical worldview, practice that worldview in community, and are connected to a mentor to process and grow.
- > Places themselves under the authority of God's word and lives in joyful submission to His truth in every area of life.

Adults

- > Learning is something that we do all of the time. The question is what are we learning? In knowing this, we strive to be people who set aside time to learn about God through His Word, through conversations with believers and time in prayer.
 - What am I learning about God?
 - What am I learning about others?
 - What am I learning about myself?
 - What books, podcasts or videos am I engaging in this week to support my understanding of the Bible?

BRING LIFE

RELATE >>

Kids

- > Engages in practices in the home that show love because they know they have been loved first by God.
- > Belongs to a small group community.
 - Known by a caring adult who models a love for Jesus.
 - Learns to listen and care about other children in the group.
 - Engages in conversation about stories from scripture.
- > Is able to admit when causing harm to another, asks for forgiveness and receive grace.
- > Learns to obey.
- > Understands the global and diverse reach of the gospel.



Students

- > Practices Christ's love in a community of peers and then brings this home to fully love and care for the family.
- > Understands the Christian life is meant to be lived in community.
 - Commits to a small group and a mentoring relationship.
 - Actively pursues new relationships to build the unity and diversity in the Church and community.
- > Seeks to reflect God's heart for others through awareness of one's motives and relating style.
- > Embraces authority out of submission to God.

Adults

- > Every human being was made for connection. At Magnify we commit to being in relationship with believers one-on-one, in small groups and corporately. Being willing to be known and to know others is a vital part of our discipleship. As we do this we strive to express the fruit of the Spirit as we relate to others inside and outside of our church.
 - Who knows me?
 - How do I hide from others?
 - When it comes to the fruit of the Spirit, which one do I need to grow in?
 - What did my love for God and my love for others look like this past week?

OTHERS FIRST

SERVE >>



Kids

- > Is taught how and why we serve others and brings an attitude of service home to their family.
- > Pays attention to joy that comes when using unique gifts.
- > Observes how older students and adults serve the church.
- > Learns stories of Jesus putting others first.



Students

- > Serves their family first and then extends the mission of God to the church, community, and throughout the world.
- > Pursues, leads and serves someone in Kids, Middle School or other Magnify opportunities.
- > Learns from a coach who observes their leadership and gives feedback.
- > Grows to understand their own personal style and gifting, and to see how to use those to serve others both inside and outside the church.
- > Views serving as a learning opportunity and engages with a humility based on an appropriate view of self and proper view of the value of those we serve.
 - In other words, “I am made to be last”.

Adults

- > Selflessness is key to how we live a life of willing service to others. Putting others first begins in our families and moves out from there to serving in our church and our community. Understanding that dying to ourselves is at the center of love and inspires our service to God and others.
 - How do I serve my family?
 - How do I serve in our church ?
 - How do I serve in our community?
 - How did I sacrifice for God and others this past week?

ALL I HAVE IS GOD'S

GIVE >>



Kids

- > Understands that God's word tells us to share our time, talent and money.
- > Gives in age appropriate ways of their time, talent and money.
- > Recognizes and communicates local and global community needs.



Students

- > Recognizes all they have belongs to God so He has authority over their time, talent and money.
- > Practices tithing and seeks opportunities to give sacrificially to those around them.
- > Delights in God and others leading to habits and a lifestyle of self-giving love.

Adults

- > Remembering that all we have is God's is difficult to do. Everything we have is not ours, it is God's. This means that God's desire and God's agenda is supposed to shape the way we use our money and resources as we give to His Church and our communities. As we live into our give value our heart and our imagination are opened to ways to give to God from what he has given us.
 - Where does my money go each week, month and year?
 - How much do I give to God?
 - What holds me back from giving money to God?
 - What is the next step God is asking me to take in regard to giving to his work through our church?

SHARING THE HOPE OF JESUS

REACH >>



Kids

- > Knows they have a role to play in sharing the hope of Jesus.
- > Shares their love for Jesus with others.
- > Views the uniqueness of all people with curiosity, empathy and a desire to enjoy.
- > Understands God's mission is for every people and every nation.



Students

- > Shares the hope of Jesus out of gratitude for God's grace.
- > Prays for the lost and seeks to invite them into the life of the church.
- > Builds relationships with the lost that demonstrate the radical love and hospitality of Jesus.
- > Understands God's mission is for every people and every nation.

Adults

- > Judgement awaits all of us. Knowing this motivates us to reach others.
This is why building redemptive relationships where we are actively identifying, praying for and sharing the Gospel of Jesus with people who do not know Jesus is crucial to the mission of our church.
 - Who do I know that does not know Jesus?
 - What is holding me back from praying for others to know Jesus?
 - What holds me back from sharing Jesus with others?
 - Who can I share the name of Jesus with this week?

