## The Clarity Quest

### REDISCOVERING CLARITY OF PURPOSE

### SESSION ONE





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# So, why is clarity so important?

### Why clarity is so important

We must remind ourselves the Gospel of Jesus Christ is now entrusted to our generation!

It's not that God's church has a mission.

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Luke 4:18-19 (ESV).

### The Jesus Manifesto

The responsibilities outlined in Luke 4:18-19, often referred to as Jesus' Nazareth Manifesto, indeed precede and form the foundation upon which the Great Commission, found in Matthew 28:19-20, is built. This chronological and theological progression is essential in understanding the Church's role in continuing the anointed work of Jesus.

### DOES YOUR CHURCH HAVE CLARITY OF PURPOSE?

Purpose defines what business we are in. One Indiana church:

We exist to show people who Jesus is!

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"Our mission is to turn irreligious people into fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ."

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Restoring God's Ideal

### Let's talk about values



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#### WHAT DO VALUES DO FOR US?

- 1. They determine ministry distinctive.
- 2. They dictate personal involvement.
- 3. They communicate what's important.
- 4. They influence overall behavior.

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- 5. They inspire people to action.
- 6. They enhance credible leadership.
- 7. They shape ministry character.



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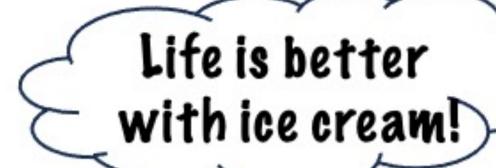
Values can be conscious or unconscious.



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Values may be shared or unshared.





Values exist at a personal and an organizational level



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Values may be actual or aspirational





Some values are strong while others are weak



### **VALUES GUIDE US**

GRACE GROWTH **GROUPS GIFTS GENEROSITY** 

### **QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

