

KCC Mission and Core Identities

Matthew 28:19-20 — ⁹Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.

The mission of KCC is to make gospel-centered disciples who delight in Christ, declare His cross, and display His love.

Tim Keller — “The gospel is not the first ‘step’ in a ‘stairway’ of truths, rather, it is more like the ‘hub’ in a ‘wheel’ of truth. The gospel is not just the A-B-C’s but the A to Z of Christianity. The gospel is not just the minimum required doctrine necessary to enter the kingdom, but the way we make all progress in the kingdom.”

5 Core Identities:

- We are Worshipers
- We are Witnesses
- We are Family
- We are Servants
- We are Disciples

We Are Worshipers

We are worshipers so we live to delight in Christ.

Q: Why do you do what you do? What reasons do people give for doing what they do?

Matthew 15:18-19 — ¹⁸But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this defiles a person. ¹⁹For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false witness, slander.

The Bible teaches that we do what we do because we want what we want. We don’t just have a behavioral problem, we have a worship problem.

Tim Keller — “An idol is whatever you look at and say, in your heart of hearts, ‘If I have that, then I’ll feel my life has meaning, then I’ll know I have value, then I’ll feel significant and secure.’”

Mark 12:29 — *And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.*

All who belong to Jesus are given a new heart in order to love God.

2 Corinthians 5:17 — *Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.*

Whole-Life Worship

John 4:13-14 — ¹³ *Jesus said to her, “Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴ but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.”*

We are worshippers whose insatiable thirst can only be quenched by delighting in Jesus.

John Piper — “God is most glorified in us when we are most satisfied in him.”

John 4:23 — *True worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him.*

Romans 12:1-2 — ¹ *I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ² Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.*

The only proper response to God’s mercy is whole-life devotion to Jesus.

Gathered Worship

Our gathered worship is the center of a life of worship.

Hebrews 10:24 — *Let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.*

Q: What would happen to a church if they did not meet together regularly? Why not just have individual worship times?

Liturgy

By the time we have concluded our worship gathering, we will have heard the gospel preached, sung the gospel to one another, proclaimed the gospel in our readings, and tasted the gospel in communion.

Q: How does worship apply to all of life? How is approaching all of life as worship challenging?