

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

### 5 Core Identities

1. We are **Worshippers** who live to delight in Christ.
2. We are **Witnesses** who labor to declare the cross.
3. We are **Family** who display God's love to one another.
4. We are **Servants** who display his love to our neighbors.
5. We are **Disciples** who learn to follow Christ from Scripture.

## We Are Family

We are family so we display Christ's love to one another.

**John 1:12** *But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God.*

**Galatians 4:4-7** *But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.*

**Family is not merely biological, but also spiritual. In Christ, we have a new family identity.**

### KCC STATEMENT OF FAITH: The Church

We believe the church is the communion of God's people drawn from every tribe and language, people and nation throughout all ages. The church is made visible on earth in the gathering of believers into local churches, which are a corporate display of God's glory to the world and an earthly outpost of God's heavenly kingdom. We, the church, obey our calling by preaching the gospel, making disciples, administering baptism and the Lord's Supper, and actively loving God, our neighbors, and one another.

**The church is a body, not a building. The church is a people, not a place. The church is an assembly, not merely an activity. The church is family, not merely an institution.**

### **The Unity and Diversity of our Family**

#### **Revelation 5:9-10**

*Worthy are you to take the scroll  
and to open its seals,  
for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God  
from every tribe and language and people and nation,  
and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God,  
and they shall reign on the earth.*

*Q: How does Revelation 5:9-10 shape our idea of worship and the church today?*

#### **Conflict in Our Family**

**Being unified as a church doesn't mean we always agree. Far from it. Sometimes churches maintain unity through necessarily conflict.**

*Q: Where do you see necessary and healthy conflict in your family today? In the church?*

#### **When Should We Fight?**

Here's our basic principle: We have open-handed issues and closed-handed issues. Openhanded issues are issues where we can have unity even though we disagree. Closed-handed issues are issues we are willing to fight for and vigorously defend. These are issues that are central to the gospel and must therefore be defended from those who oppose them.

## **We Are Servants**

We are servants so we display Christ's love to our neighbors.

**Matthew 20:25** *Whoever would be great among you must be your servant.*

**Martin Luther Kings Jr.** *“Not everybody can be famous but everybody can be great, because greatness is determined by service.”*

**We were not created to live for ourselves, but for God who created us. And God’s created design for people is to be servants.**

**The Kingdom of God is proclaimed and displayed when we serve others and not ourselves.**

### **1. We are servants so we serve one another.**

Each of us has a choice to make with our gifts: we can withhold our gifts and not serve people with them, or we can use them to serve others. Whenever people aren’t serving, then the body of Christ is not as strong as it could be.

*Q: What gifts has God entrusted to you? Your church is missing something without you serving others with your gifts.*

### **2. We are servants so we seek to serve the world.**

**Galatians 6:10** *So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.*

**One major way to serve the world is to serve your next door neighbor.**

Jay Pathak and Dave Runyon, *Art of Neighboring* - “When Jesus was asked to reduce everything in the Bible into one command he said: Love God with everything you have and love your neighbor as yourself. What if he meant that we should love our actual neighbors? You know, the people who live right next door.”

Who are the 8 people/families that live in closest proximity to you? What do you know about them?

Things to know about:

1. Names
2. Facts: Where do they work? What do they like/dislike?
3. Values and beliefs: What do they believe about Jesus? What are they longing for?  
Where is their joy and sorrow in life?

a. b. c.	a. b. c.	a. b. c.
a. b. c.		a. b. c.
a. b. c.	a. b. c.	a. b. c.

