



Fall Vision Night. 09.15.11

Thank you for joining us tonight.

We are in an exciting season. We're five months in from launch. We just wrapped-up our study through Ephesians. People are meeting and growing in Jesus. New, deep relationships are being formed. Some are considering moving into the city. Sin is being exposed, grace experienced, freedom found. Last month we celebrated our first baptisms. We have four communities with an increasing need for more. We survived our first summer (and actually grew).

In other words, Jesus is building his church.

Yet, as many of you have discovered, church planting is not easy. If it was, it'd be more common. True to its name, church planting is much like planting a field for harvest, requiring substantial preparation, inordinate patience and supernatural perseverance. It is thrilling, yet daunting. Yet, the harvest is well worth the pain, heartache and challenge endured along the way.

Tonight is yet another big night in our short, but sweet, life as a newly forming people of God, for God, in the heart of the city. We'll talk about where we've been, where we are and, by God's grace, where we'll go. Our hope is to get everyone on the same page as we enter a new season of spreading the message and mercy of Jesus in our great city. We'll pray, we'll sing and we'll celebrate God's goodness to us - seen primarily in the life, death and resurrection of His Son.

For those of you considering joining us, keep in mind that church planting is not for everyone. As we've said all along, there is no shame in choosing to participate in an existing established church rather than one newly planted. God calls particular people, not all people, and each one of us must decide through prayer, sober-assessment and wise counsel whether this is the right move. The importance of the initial community of individuals that serve to plant this church cannot be overstated.

God is unfolding his story in this city. Tonight, we hope that you'll (re)catch the vision and consider joining us on mission in Seattle for the glory of God, good of others and our great joy.

For the God of this City,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Adam Sinnett', written in a cursive style.

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That's where we're going, but we need your help. Consider how Jesus is inviting to get involved.

Pray.

For all our strategizing and preparation, we cannot succeed without the Spirit of God building his church. Prayer is an extreme honor we've been given by God in Christ and we want to steward this gift well. In addition to our regular times of prayer in community, we also gather together as a church once per month, every month, for corporate prayer and song. Please set aside the 4th Thursday of each month to join us. Together, let's ask him to do what only he can do in this city. (Eph 3:20; Mt 7:7-11)

Community.

The city is an amazingly complex and diverse place. To incarnate the Gospel in this city, we must become a part of the city in all its forms. We will do this cultivating communities, Cornerstone Communities, of Spirit-led followers of Jesus that enjoy God, redemptively engage the city, beginning in each of the distinct neighborhoods of the city. These are communities in which Jesus is loved, life is shared, disciples are made, mission is exercised, the Gospel is proclaimed, others are invited in and, ultimately, churches are planted. We currently have four communities and are hoping to plant a couple more this fall.

Serve.

It takes many volunteers to pull off a single Sunday gathering, from Kids, to hospitality, to greeting, to the band, to set-up/tear-down, to audio/visual, to graphic design and more. By serving you get to work out your own God-given giftedness, grow in relationship with others, and serve as you've been served in Christ. Every team needs help. Let us know where you'd like to get to work and we'll make it happen.

Move.

Perhaps God is drawing you to move downtown. Wherever you live, choose where you live for Jesus's sake (Col 3:17). We encourage you to consider moving downtown. Proximity breeds responsibility. We are called to reach urban workers and urban dwellers, from the avenues to the alley ways, and to do that effectively we must be among them. The city needs more gospel salt and light. That will change as more Jesus-followers decide to move for the fame of His name here. Live out of conviction.

Give.

Our aim is to be self-supporting by the fall of 2014, if not earlier. Until then our internal giving will be subsidized by external support from churches and individuals who serve as financial partners to help cover the cost of ministry. If you do not follow Jesus, please do not give. However, if you call Downtown Cornerstone your home church it is part of your worshipful responsibility to give sacrificially, joyfully and regularly. We don't teach the "tithe" but we do believe 10% is a good place to start. You can give online, check or via mail.

"For here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city that is to come." Heb 13:14



Downtown Cornerstone

Discipleship Pathway (draft)

GOD
Father, Son & Holy Spirit



Leadership

Pastors (*to be developed*)
Deacons (*to be developed*)
Community Leads (*to be developed*)

DCC Members

Cornerstone Communities (includes sermon application, benevolence, etc)
Discipleship Groups (*informal placeholder for future discipleship development)
Missional living (network evangelism, external mercy & justice)
Giving of time, treasure & talents
Required for leadership
First tier shepherding

Membership Class

e.g. Gospel foundations, vision/mission/values, community lead training, etc
To be developed

DCC Crowd

DCC 101 (*to be developed*)
Cornerstone Communities (includes sermon application, benevolence, mission, etc)
Discipleship Groups (*informal placeholder for future discipleship development)
Formal/informal community-sponsored socials (*ongoing*)
Monthly all-church prayer nights (*ongoing*)
Assimilation (*ongoing*)

City of Seattle

Community/DCC-based service partnerships (UGM, FareStart, etc)
Art, music, business pathways (*to be developed*)
Relational networking and mission (*ongoing*)

The World

Local/Int'l church planting support (10%, training, short-term trips, Acts 29)
International aid & relief

Sending (Act 1:8; Mt 28)

Equipping (Ephesians 4)

Enjoy God

Redemptively
engage the
city

Reach the
World

*We exist to build a great city through the gospel of Jesus Christ for the glory of God.
We do this by cultivating Spirit-filled communities of Jesus-followers that
enjoy God, redemptively engage the city and reach the world*

DCC Discipleship Levels

	Relationship	Prayer	Biblical Content	Mission
Sunday Discipleship	General fellowship before/after service	General	Sermon, song, etc	Sermon, hospitality
Community Discipleship	Discussion Life-involvement Bearing burdens Celebrating Various levels of commitment An "available" leader	Praying for/with	Sermon discussion	Intentionally engaged in lives of non-believers
Life-on-Life Discipleship Groups	Committed Authentic Gracious Authoritative Peer to peer Short & Long term	Prayer & confession (Ja 5:16) taking place in meetings <u>and</u> throughout the week	Self-study Discussion	Repent of consumerism and adopt investment/sacrificial mindset A specific, identifiable, measurable mission
Aim of discipleship is to cultivate...				Result: Serve as catalysts for mission; creating and leading leaders in the mission
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • gospel pacesetters: Men/women who know Jesus is <i>for</i> them & find their identity in him • missional integrity: Men/women who effectively believe the gospel for (and proclaim the gospel to) themselves, other believers and unbelievers • character: Joyful, Jesus-dependent, humble, gracious, sacrificial, wise, reformed 				