

FALL

VISION NIGHT

THURSDAY, SEPT 15TH @ 7PM | COURT IN THE SQUARE

# Goals Tonight

## **Where we've been.**

Evidences of God's grace, provision and faithfulness.

## **Where we are.**

Vision. Mission. Values. Communities. Finances.

## **Where we're going, Lord willing.**

Fall 2011. Membership. Discipleship groups. Leadership development.

# Why Plant?

- #1 **Jesus' fundamental call = plant**
- #2 **More people reached via more churches**
- #3 **New churches reach more people**
- #4 **Big churches not always most effective**
- #5 **Planting more effective than revitalization**
- #6 **There is great need in our city**
- #7 **God has called us**

# Quote New Churches

*“The **vigorous, continual planting of new congregations** is the single most crucial strategy for 1) the numerical growth of the Body of Christ, and 2) the continual corporate renewal and revival of the existing churches in the city. **Nothing else** - not crusades, outreach programs, para-church ministries, growing mega-churches, congregational consulting, nor church renewal processes - will have the **consistent impact of dynamic, extensive church planting**. This is an eyebrow raising statement. But to those who have done any study at all, it is not even controversial.” - Keller*

# OurStory (so far)

## **1st Prayer & Dessert**

May 25th 2010

## **Launch team development**

Summer 2010. Networking. Building. Sharing. Serving. Moving.

## **Fall Info Meeting**

Sept 2010

## **Preview Gatherings**

October, November, December 2010

## **Soft-Launch**

January - March 2011; Antique Mall

## **Launch!**

April 3rd, 2010

# Multiple Launches

**Launched!**  
**04/03**

**Second Phase**  
Reassess & Revisit  
Grow & Develop  
[1-1 1/2 years]

**Third Phase**  
Reassess & Revisit  
Permanent Leadership  
[1-2 years]

**Fourth Phase**  
Established

# Our Mission

*Build a **great city...**  
through the **gospel of Jesus Christ...**  
for the **glory of God.***

# Why the City?

*In every earthly city, there are two cities vying for control  
- the **City of Man** and the **City of God.**" - Augustine*

**Creation began in a garden, but will end in a city.**

- **Strategic**
- **Diverse**
- **Influential**
- **Statistics**



# Our Values

**Jesus** Our God.

**Gospel** God's News.

**City** Our Context.

**Church** God's people.

**Mission** Our task.

**Renewal** God's heart.

**Multiplication** Do it all again. Everywhere.



GOD  
FATHER · SON · SPIRIT



(GOSPEL)



(CHURCH)



(CHURCH)



(MISSION)



(RENEWAL)



(MATRICATION!)

# SimpleStrategy

## **Discipleship**

leading people from rebels to Jesus-followers to maturity.

## **Communities**

enjoying God. redemptively engaging the city. reach the world.

## **Sundays**

word and worship. presence and power.

## **Marketplace & Service Ministries**

forming strategic pathways into the workplace. *to be developed.*

## **Church Planting**

do it all again. everywhere.

# Our Aims

**Planting the gospel**

Not merely planting **programs**.

**Living out the biblical mission of Jesus**

Not living satisfied w/ only **biblical content** of Jesus.

**Equipping for every day life in your world**

Not for every day life in “**church**” world.

**Being (identity) shapes our doing**

Not focusing on **doing** as the ultimate end.

**Filling city w/ gospel-centered followers**

Not merely **filling** our **Sunday** gathering(s)

# Our Tensions

**Share the gospel...**

to the extent that we shock the parachurch ministries of the city.

**Emphasize the Bible & God's holiness...**

to the extent that we shock the fundamentalists of the city.

**Serve the city...**

to the extent that we shock the liberals of the city.

**Seek the welfare of city...**

to the extent that we shock the government of the city.

**Pray & work...**

like it all depends on us.

**Trust Jesus...**

like it all depends on him...because it does.

# Discipleship Pathway

**See handout...**

# CornerstoneCommunities

## **Commercial Core**

Led/Hosted: Sinnetts; Service: UGM.

## **Denny Triangle**

Led/Hosted: Parkers; Service: FareStart

## **West Seattle**

Led/Hosted: Andersens; Service: UGM White Center

## **Pioneer Square**

Led/Hosted: Giustis; Service: UGM Search & Rescue Van

## **Next: Capitol Hill, P.Square, N.Seattle**

# Discipleship Groups

**Smaller (2-5 people)**

**Gender specific**

**Committed**

**Peer-to-peer**

**Grid: Text-Theology-Life**

**Focus:**

Killing sin.

Trusting Jesus.

Living on mission.



# Membershipbeta

## **Prayerfully read Member Packet**

Available within the next week.

## **Sign Membership Covenant Involved in Community**

Being known and knowing others in community

## **Tangible Service**

We're all members of one Body w/ different roles. All utility players.

## **Sacrificial Giving**

Demonstrated, regular, joyful, consistent giving.

## **Take Member Class**

When available, potentially January 2012

# Finances

Month	Given	Target	Difference	Attendance
April '11	\$10,993	\$15,000	<b>-\$4,007</b>	86
May '11	\$17,250	\$15,000	<b>\$2,250</b>	91
June '11	\$10,211	\$15,000	<b>-\$4,789</b>	81
July '11	\$14,164	\$19,500	<b>-\$5,336</b>	97
August '11	\$11,024	\$19,500	<b>-\$8,476</b>	111

- We have a very low-profile budget.
- Ministry in the city is expensive.
- We aim to be self sustaining as soon as possible.
- This is dependent upon numerous variables that are impossible to predict.
- Are you giving sacrificially, cheerfully and regularly?

# Fall Focus

## #1 Mission (network evangelism)

Emphasizing personal relational networks. Training. Resources.

## #2 Sundays

Continue to create excellent, edifying and missional gatherings

## #3 Cultivate missional communities

Multiply & develop Cornerstone Communities on mission w/ Jesus

## #4 Develop membership.

Giving of time, talents, and treasure.

## #5 Leadership development

Offer further training and equipping.

# Mistakes We Could Make (But don't have to)

- **Neglect Great Commission for Great Commandment**
- **Fail to take opposition seriously**
- **Mission, evangelism & prayer cease**
- **“Church” as Sunday vs people on mission w/ Jesus**
- **Someone else will serve and give syndrome**
- **Fail to act our age and size**
- **Try to be like another church**

# From Here?

**Live ordinary life w/ gospel intentionality**

**#1. Cultivate** love and joy in Jesus.

**#2. Mix it up** with non-Christians.

**#3. Grow** in community.

**#4. Be patient**

Consider Moving

**Choose where you live for Jesus' sake**

Col 3:17; 1 Cor 10:31.

**Proximity breeds responsibility**

To build a great city through the gospel, many must choose to live here

**Create a counter-culture**

Live a life that demands a gospel explanation; serving rather than using.

**City needs more gospel salt & light**

Vast majority of gospel-centered churches have left the city for the suburbs.

**Live out of conviction not convenience.**

Nothing in our culture will convince you its a good idea, unless young/single.

# QuoteCryingOut

*“Church plants need new people, new ideas and new vision if they are going to emerge out of the darkness into the sunlight. Established churches tend to be more concerned about building upkeep, personality of preacher, who’s on board, and the program schedule for the next year...church plants are completely stripped of all illusions. Do or die. Reach out or close the doors. Invite or implode. Plants are desperate for growth. Without growth, the church folds. This reality keeps church plants on their knees, crying out to God. - Joel Comiskey*

# Available Resources

**Vision Resources** (prospectus, flyer, etc)

**Media @ [www.downtowncornerstone.org](http://www.downtowncornerstone.org)**

City of God (DCC Values)

I AM: the seven I AM sayings of Jesus

A Reasoned Response (apologetics)

Ephesians: the Living Church

**Launch Community eBook**

**Recommended Reading**

**Bible Reading Plan**

**Book of Acts Intro**



StayConnected

**InfoCard**

please let us know who you are.

**The City**

DCC's online social networking tool.

**Web**

blog.events.giving.contact.

[www.downtowncornerstone.org](http://www.downtowncornerstone.org)

**Facebook**

[www.facebook.com/downtowncornerstone](http://www.facebook.com/downtowncornerstone)

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# QuestionAnswer

# FrontlinePrayer

**Find a community leader.**

**Pray for our areas of fall focus.**

Mission (network evangelism)

Sundays

Cultivating missional communities

Membership development

Leadership development