

# SECTION 2

# VISION, MISSION, VALUES

## VISION

To See People Made Alive In Christ

The good news of the Gospel is not that Jesus came to make bad people good but to make dead people alive. The vision of LIFEGATE is to see people come to life in Christ Jesus by the power of the Holy Spirit working in them. Our desire is to awaken people to the Made Alive Life.

The Made Alive Life is built on a simple framework that moves each person and the collective congregation towards the transformation of Christ Jesus. The Made Alive Life is a life built on this framework:

**Encounter God**

**Experience Freedom**

**Embrace The Way**

**Empowered To Serve**

**Engage The Mission**

## MISSION

The mission of LIFEGATE is to reach 1% of the Denver metro area by starting new congregations with our unique expression of faith. We believe God has called us to bring the Gospel of the Kingdom of God both in its ethos and ethic to the city of Denver. We hope to establish Kingdom embassies located strategically across the metro area to see 1% of the population made alive in Christ.

## VALUES

### 1. The Way Of Jesus

LIFEGATE fully embraces that to be a Christian is to embrace the Way of Jesus. Our highest value is the PERSON (life, death, burial, and resurrection) Jesus Christ as the all-sufficient Savior and Lord of all people. We value the PRESENCE of the Father to whom glory, and honor, is due. We value the POWER of the promised Holy Spirit given to each believer to guide them in all truth and grace to live out the Christian life.

As such, we value the weekly Gathering of God's people. Here we hold fast

to the authority, inerrancy, and inspired Word of God as we live under its instruction. We believe the Word of God must be taught accurately and honestly as it has power to both shape and affirm the Christian life. In addition, we value worship and prayer both in the life of the individual and the congregation as this is the language of our faith.

Finally, as we gather weekly, we believe God has called us to intentionally work to become an inter-ethnic and inter-generational church which is reflected in the way we craft our gatherings. This is anchored in our practice of the sacraments from weekly corporate confession, the partaking of communion, baptism, and prayer.

## **2. Formation Of Believers**

LIFEGATE is committed to cultivating an atmosphere where people are individually and communally formed into the likeness of Jesus Christ. We value the church's role in formation, which is to gather, equip and care for people who are a part of this community. Therefore, we value church membership and the priesthood of all believers. This posture empowers those in the church to live in the responsibility of both their formation and the formation of others in the church.

While the call to discipleship to the Lord Jesus has been the great commission for two thousand years, we believe each generation must work to innovate and implement this mission in their given context without diluting the message of Christ. We value our formation and strive to see all people live in the framework of the Christian life in their lives, their Christian fellowship and the church as a whole.

## **3. Pillars of Membership**

These are five distinct practices taught in Romans 12:9-13. These five practices are not legalistic standards for good church membership. Rather, they are given by God for all believers to live out the Christian life, which is to love God, love our neighbors, and make disciples. In all things, these practices must be anchored in genuine love, which is both the posture and practice to seek the highest good of one another.

***PRESENCE*** | We value the physical, spiritual, relational, presence with one another in the congregation, home, and life.

***PRAYER*** | We value prayer, not as something the church does, but as who we are. We call the church to gather corporately and in homes for weekly prayer.

***SERVE*** | We value the posture of Christ who came as a humble servant. As such we value serving both in the church, our neighborhoods, and our city.

**GENEROSITY** | We value generosity with our financial resources. We believe that tithing is an act of obedience and worship. The life of a believer should be marked with radical generosity to the church, those in the church, to the poor, to the city, and to the world.

**HOSPITALITY** | We value hospitality as a central practice of our faith. It is the primary way we cultivate the environment to build the church, redeem the dignity in all people and engage the mission of God.