

LEARNING TO SPEAK “EMMAUS”

(it’s pronounced e-may-us)

*What we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord,
with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. – 2 Corinthians 4:5*

We exist to Proclaim and Display Jesus.

- “We exist” = church is about ‘we, not me’
- “to Proclaim” = what we say
- “and Display” = what we do; we want our words and actions to match
- “Jesus” = the ultimate focus of our lives and church

How???

- ***UP (Worship) - PRAYER & PRAISE***
 - Focusing your heart and mind on God, individually and with others
 - The Sunday morning worship gathering prepares us to worship God during the next week, and the gathering is also a celebration of God’s work in our lives throughout the past week.
 - Prayer and Praise are based on God’s Word, not just our emotions.
 - We pray God’s Word back to Him, and His Word guides our prayers.
 - Praise is our response to who God is and what He has done, and we learn about His character and plans from His Word.
- ***IN (Discipleship) - ENCOURAGE & EQUIP***
 - **Encourage**
 - *Arm around the Shoulder* = Comfort
 - *Hand in the Back* = Challenge
 - **Equip**
 - *Head* - Learning Theology, Bible, and History
 - *Heart* - Learning Emotionally Healthy Spirituality; Relational Wisdom
 - *Hands* - Learning to Live Out Our Faith in Every Area of Life
 - We don’t want to look religious on the outside, while feeling empty inside.
 - In My Life - personal times of prayer, Bible reading, and holiness
 - In My Home - spiritual encouragement and consistency with family
 - In My Church - membership and engagement in a local church
 - Being Part of a Group (Sunday School; other Small Group)
 - Serving others by using your spiritual gifts and talents

- **OUT (Missions) - GIVE & GO**

- We live from the inside out.

- **Give**

- *Stewardship*

- **Everything we have is FROM God**
- **Everything we have is FOR God**

- *Giving to the Local Church*

- Tithe or Give as Sacrificially and Consistently as Possible to Build Up the Church and Advance the Gospel
- Look for Opportunities to Invest and Give beyond this Lifetime

- *Giving beyond the Local Church*

- The Emmaus budget may not support your favorite missions organization or your personal missionary friends. That's okay.
- Sunday School groups and individuals often give above and beyond regular offerings (and beyond the scope of our church's mission partners) to advance the Gospel. That's great!

- *Giving Time and Talents* - even if you can't give much financially, God can use your time and talents to share the Good News of Jesus

- *Giving Prayers* - pray for church members (text or call them); pray for missionaries; pray for the advance of the Gospel in unreached areas

- *Giving the Gospel* - share the Good News of Jesus whenever and wherever God places you

- **Go**

- **Neighborhoods**

- Proclaim & Display Jesus locally, where we...
 - **Live** - neighborhoods
 - **Learn** - schools
 - **Work** - businesses, careers, and retirement
 - **Play** - leagues, hobbies, and vacations

- **Nations**

- Proclaim & Display Jesus globally
- #1 - Pray! #2 - Get your passport! #3 - Find a Trip

- **Nations in our Neighborhoods**

- God has surrounded us with people from many nations, ethnicities, and languages. This is an incredible blessing!
- Through hospitality and love, we proclaim and display Jesus.
- *Plus, we can learn from people with different experiences and perspectives. The global community – and global Body of Christ – help us avoid an individualistic or nationalistic faith.