



PURPOSE AND VALUES

The mission of Compass Bible Church is never changing. It is based on the “Great Commission” of Christ recorded in Matthew 28. Jesus calls every church, including CBC to “**make disciples.**” The participles in the Greek text of verses 19 and 20 provide for us the vision of Compass Bible Church: **to see as many as possible come to know him, love him, and serve him!** As people come to really “know” Christ through the ministry of God’s people at Compass Bible we are instructed to “*baptize them*” (v.19b) as an external sign of their internal transformation in Christ. In John 14:15 Jesus made it clear that if his followers truly love him they will do what he commands. Therefore, as we are instructing God’s people through Compass Bible Church “*to obey everything he commanded*” (v.20) we are ultimately seeking to encourage Christ’s disciples to love him more perfectly by responding in obedience to the things he has taught. The context of these two participial directives comes amid Christ’s commissioning of those disciples in whom he had already invested three years of training. These disciples were being asked to “*go forth and lovingly serve others*” (v.19a) by helping them to “know” and “love” Christ as they did. **So then, Compass Bible Church exists to make disciples of Christ, by always seeking to encourage men, women and children to know him, love him, and serve him.** In addition, there are eight distinctives or characteristics that will mark Compass Church as we seek to carry out our mission!

1) **At Compass Church the Bible is central.** (Ps.43:3; Ps.119:105; Jn.17:17; 1Tim.3:15) *While the Bible is not an end in itself, it is certainly the indispensable “compass” for our knowledge and understanding of God and his plan for our lives.*

2) **At Compass Church we promote expository preaching.** (Heb.4:12) *Because God’s written revelation to us is “living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword” it is our intention to allow it to utilize Compass preachers to get to our hearts and minds as they open the word and let its message out. Our goal is that Compass pastors won’t use the Bible to preach their messages, but that the Bible will use Compass pastors to preach its message – God’s powerful and life-changing truth!*

3) **At Compass Church we seek to maintain a high view of God.** (Mal.1:6-11) *In a day when many have attempted to reduce God to be their spiritual therapist, it is important for us to remember that God, our Creator, is the highly exalted, transcendent, King of all things. We cannot afford to think less of God than he really is. We dare not respond to him as merely our comfortable friend and fail to worship him as our Sovereign Lord.*

4) **At Compass Church we work to proclaim a biblical gospel.** (Rom.1:16) *It is imperative that we understand what God’s word says about how one becomes a disciple of Christ and thus a child of God. We cannot truncate, sterilize, simplify, adjust or in any other way modify the message of the gospel that was once and for all delivered to God’s people in God’s word. We will not shy away from clearly articulating God’s truth on heaven, hell, sin, judgment, repentance and faith. It will be our goal to hold tightly to a biblical gospel.*

5) **At Compass Church we have a genuine reliance on prayer.** (Col.4:2-6) *We understand that the mission, the goals and the values at Compass Bible Church are humanly impossible. We do not inherently possess the wherewithal to make disciples or aid them in knowing, loving and serving Christ. These are works of God and we will always rely on him as we ardently ask him to accomplish these biblical objectives among us.*

6) **At Compass Church we have highly committed participants.** (Eph.4:11-16; Ac.4:34-35) *To effectively and efficiently accomplish all that God has called us to do, we cannot maintain the all-too-common “20% of the people do 80% of the work.” At Compass we must always encourage that “each part does its work” (Eph.4:16b)*

7) **At Compass Church we will look to authentic and sacrificial leaders.** (2Cor.6:3-11; 1Th.2:8-9) *The kind of people that God calls to lead at Compass Bible Church is extremely important. Obviously our pastors and teachers much meet the biblical qualifications as set forth in the books of 1 Timothy and Titus. Beyond that we expect our leaders to follow in Apostle Paul’s example of being authentic, forthright, honest, hard-working and sacrificial. In a phrase we expect that our leaders set the example of saying to Christ daily: “anything, anytime, anywhere!”*

8) **At Compass Church we will always be working to plant new churches.** (Ac.1:8) *It is our concern that we work to regularly launch more Bible-teaching churches that are resolved and constrained to move into more communities with a biblical purpose, a biblical mission and clearly maintained biblical values. It is our hope that Compass will never lose its commitment to this end. Sovereign God, I commit myself to be the Christian you want me to be. I also want to help CBC become the Church you have called it to be. I am today, by your grace, committing myself afresh to knowing you better, loving you more, and serving you faithfully. Accomplish your will in my life in and through Compass Bible Church.*

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