

DOCTRINAL DISTINCTIVES

These are the beliefs that make us distinct, the areas where we've decided to stand as a Church that might differ from others. These Doctrinal Distinctives are areas of importance that are intrinsically tied to what we do and who we are at MOSAIC.

MINISTRY AND SPIRITUAL GIFTS

Ephesians 4:1-16

¹“I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ² with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³ eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴ There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call— ⁵ one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶ one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. ⁷ But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ's gift...

¹¹ And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, ¹² to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, ¹³ until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ,”

WE BELIEVE

Mosaic Church believes that unless diverse people choose to work together humbly, the Church cannot display the fullness of Christ, and individuals cannot mature and grow as God intends us to. The Gospel writers display Jesus as the perfect exemplar of the five gifts listed in Ephesians 4:11, this is why Paul says “Grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ’s gift.

We believe that Jesus has gifted the Church with “*Apostles*”. These are people who are wired as “sent ones”. They live and see the world through the lens of the mission of God and constantly push the church into new ground.

We believe that Jesus has gifted the Church with “*Prophets*”. These are people who are wired to be especially sensitive to the voice of God. They see the world through the lens of hearing God and desire for others to hear from God as they do.

We believe that Jesus has gifted the Church with “*Evangelists*”. These are people who are wired to bring people the Good News of God’s Kingdom and invite them into it. They see the world through the lens of relationships, particularly engaging those who are far from God and sharing life and faith with them.

We believe that Jesus has gifted the Church with “*Shepherds/Pastors*”. These are people who are wired to quickly discern the needs and feelings of the people around them. They see the world through the lens of people’s needs, and want people to feel loved and cared for.

We believe that Jesus has gifted the Church with “*Teachers*”. These are people who are wired to study, learn, and then teach the truth of God. These people see the world through the lens of knowing and helping others know truth that will help them understand and live the life God made them for.

THE INDISPENSABLE ROLE OF WOMEN

At Mosaic Church we believe the role of Women within the life of the body of Christ is indispensable. Only when Man AND Woman are welcomed into their callings and their roles are seen as equally critical in God's purposes, will God's Glory be expressed throughout His church and throughout His creation.

WE BELIEVE

The role of women within church life has been generally marked by various degrees of subjugation and even disqualification. Sometimes because cultural norms have been unknowingly carried into Church. Other times because select verses from the New Testament have been plucked from their historical context and applied to the general population in a way that is inconsistent with the role women have been invited to play throughout Scripture as a whole. Women at Mosaic are invited to serve as Deacons, Pastors and Ministry Leaders insofar as they meet the biblical and spiritual qualifications of the designated role. Women at Mosaic are entitled to serve, teach and lead in those respective roles. Women at Mosaic will be intentionally equipped so that every generation of women will have experience in ministry and opportunity to embrace God's mission and edify His Church. Because the Biblical admonitions regarding Church governance are patterned after the home, the role of Elder and thus Lead Pastor are reserved for men.

The creation story of Genesis 1 expresses an innate and essential equality between man and woman, in that they are distinct but equal expressions of the God's image on the Earth (Genesis 1:26). While it is clear that humanity's sinfulness has twisted that equality into subservience, the ministry of Jesus was fundamentally corrective. Through the New Testament, the cultural subjugation of women was routinely challenged by Christ. For example, Mary and Elizabeth's faithfulness compared to their male counterparts in the birth story (Luke 1-2), Christ's interactions with the Samaritan woman at the well (John 5), Christ's relationship to both Mary and Martha. Fundamental to Christian spirituality however is the concept of humility in equality.

Philippians 2 & Ephesians 5 reveal that Christ being equal to God submitted Himself to God so that He might play a specific role in God's purposes. That same submission is to be reflected in the home as a wife, who in her equality, submits herself to the servant headship of her husband. This pattern of submission in equality is a unique and powerful expression of humility reflected in the Trinity, the home and the local church.