

# Core Convictions



Our mission at Redemption Hill Church is to make disciples who behold the gospel, who belong in community, and who are sent out on mission. Our core convictions are the core means by which we ensure that we are accomplishing our mission.

## Expositional Preaching

God has spoken! We want to hear what He has to say, and we believe that we hear God through His Word. We affirm that God's Word is infallible and inerrant. In His Word, the story of salvation is revealed to us. Additionally, every word of Scripture is beneficial for our lives as His people (2 Timothy 3:14-17). What are the core convictions of our church that reflect this desire?

- We practice sequential expositional preaching from both the Old and New Testaments.
- We place Scripture at the center of all of our discipleship environments (Sundays, Groups, Kids, Students)
- Our groups are centered on learning and applying what God has spoken in His Word.

## Biblical Community

We weren't made to do life on our own. If you search the Scriptures you will see that discipleship does not happen in isolation either. We believe that God desires his people to grow in Christlikeness in community that is shaped by His Word just as we see in Scripture (Acts 2:42-47).

- We facilitate this through gospel community groups and through our men's and women's groups.
- We model this in our gatherings, as we gather together to worship the Lord and sit under His preached Word.
- We want to facilitate an approach to discipleship that involves life-on-life interaction.

## Spirit-Empowered Service

We believe that all believers are indwelt by the Holy Spirit and are gifted for the purpose of building up the body of Christ (Ephesians 4:1-16, 1 Corinthians 12:1-31). We want to see believers using their gifts to build up one another and living out their new identity as followers of Jesus through the power of the Holy Spirit. What are the core convictions of our church that reflect this desire?

- We believe discipleship is best practiced in a community of Spirit-filled believers.
- We believe that all believers have been gifted by the Spirit, and those gifts are to be used for the edification of the church.
- We believe that membership is meaningful and should be reserved for believers who have been regenerated by the Spirit, professed their faith through baptism, and testify to the work of Jesus in their lives through the powerful work of the Spirit.

## Meaningful Membership

We believe that all believers are to be a part of a local body led by a group of Pastors (elders). As we dig into the Bible, we can see that this is God's design for His Church. Many of the commandments found in the Bible can only be obeyed within a community of believers who are accountable to one another, and who are submissive to leaders whom God has placed over their lives (Hebrews 13:17). We believe church membership is a beautiful gift from God for the sanctification of His people and for the glory of His Son.

- We practice the methods of leadership revealed to us in Scripture to maximize the glory of God —a plurality of pastors/elders to lead and care for the church, and the servant work of deacons to meet the practical needs of the church.
- We practice meaningful membership, whereby professed believers make an intentional commitment to play an active role in the life of the Church under the care and direction of pastors.

