

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace  
where there is hatred, let me sow love;  
where there is injury, pardon;  
where there is doubt, faith;  
where there is despair, hope;  
where there is darkness, light;  
where there is sadness, joy.

Oh, grant that I may not so much seek  
to be consoled as to console,  
to be understood as to understand,  
to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive,  
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,  
and it is in dying that we are born to life.

Amen.



# Pathways Toward 68 Churches



Vision is there...But I am here



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It's Simple - The path is pretty clear - But why it hard?

It's Complicated...

# Kerygmatic Communities

**72% of people don't view the Scriptures as the Word of God**

**People don't read the Bible...  
They read Christians**



Why?

# Reviewing - What were the keys to spontaneous expansion in the early church?

Our churches are called: **Kerygmatic Communities** & Our vision and purpose statement:

- We believe there is a connection, a “link” between the spontaneous expansion of the early church and the simple gathering together of communities of believers on the first day of every week in homes and tenements around an evening meal, celebrating their new life in Christ.

Is your church family modeling this? Helping us focus...

I want to keep this simple today...help us see this connection...your part in it...



# Reviewing - What were the keys to spontaneous expansion in the early church?

Being who we are as a maturing local family of God. Intent on living out His purpose and plan for His Church.

**Being who we are**

## Jerusalem - Kerygmatic Community

<sup>41</sup> So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added. <sup>42</sup> They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

<sup>43</sup> Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. <sup>44</sup> All who believed were together and had all things in common; <sup>45</sup> they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. <sup>46</sup> Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, <sup>47</sup> praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

**People saw these lives and wanted in!**

**They saw a loving committed Kerygmatic Community - Proclaiming good news of Jesus Christ! (We do our part - God does His)**

## Reviewing - What were the keys to spontaneous expansion in the early church?

Four Keys:

1. They were dedicated to apostles teachings - Kerygma and Didache
2. All things in common - a one mindedness together, daily and weekly
3. Breaking of bread - sharing of meals house to house
4. Prayer - a dedication to asking regularly for this work

These early communities were daily/weekly together sharing all things, eating together and from house to house.

The key was their “with glad and generous hearts”

- Love - Loving God and Loving one another
- Glad - joyful, rejoicing, very happy, grateful, celebration,
- Generous - giving greatly, sincere, simple

This all added up to: People who opened their homes. People who freely shared their time and possessions (even money). People whose faith, gave them hope in their outlook, in their spirit and in their life priorities!

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They ARE! - READ Col 2:6-7 - Established and Overflowing! This is the key!  
I believe these are connected ideas - both need cultivating  
(connected to Acts 2:46-47)

**We should be a people who:** People who open our homes. People who freely share our time and possessions (including our money). People whose faith, giving us hope in our outlook, in our spirit and in our life priorities! Praising God and having favor with all the people!

# Reviewing - What were the keys to spontaneous expansion in the early church?

LEADERS: You have to be leading, Growing in wisdom and godliness, On a ambitious path of development, Taking others along with you, Contributing in your church gatherings...

Assess the condition of your gatherings, community - THEN - Look in the mirror

This is a key to our churches being kerygmatic....



# What are the keys to spontaneous expansion for our churches today?

1. Strategic Intent of apostolic leaders
2. Networking to build one mindedness in our cities, establishing the churches.
3. Planting new churches in our own network
4. **Our churches being Kerygmatic communities**
5. Establishment of our current churches - all people no matter their station in life

**Strategic Project 2: Plant and Network 68 churches** (for total of 60)

**Description** - To develop a virtual hub for all the related activity for Des Moines. A virtual hub is described as utilizing Rosno's existing business space, multi-purposing it for the need church network needs and visions. As the capital city, Des Moines is strategic for the expansion of the gospel.

**Executive Core Team**

- Michael Vos
- Apostolic team
- Senior elders

**Project Plans and Goals**

1. Plant 20 additional churches in Ames Des Moines. Update map of Ames Des Moines.
  - Team - Apostolic Team
  - Date - 1Q 2018
2. Network with 40 churches in Central Iowa
  - Team - Central Iowa Antioch Initiative - Team
  - Date - See CIAI plans
3. Michael Work with Cluster Leaders to assess overall establishment and new plants
  - Team - Michael will meet with cluster leadership
  - Date - 2-3 meetings annually per cluster
4. Integrate ADMCC strategy with CIAI partner church planting strategies
  - Team - Central Iowa Antioch Initiative - Team
  - Date - To be determined as CIAI is launched and started



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As we gather:

- Centered on the person, work, and plan of Christ (Bread and Cup)
- Celebratory yet serious (Praise and gratitude)
- Regular contribution and use of gifts
- Generous and hospitable
- Full of food and regular conversation and love for one another
- Inspiring yet not domineering
- Sincere and full of life
- Simple yet gratefully aware
- Open to all yet familial
- Hopeful and realistic

## Our gatherings as Kerygmatic

We are as Jeff put it “A Living Kerygmatic statement”

Do we realize the blessing and opportunity we have each week? Being in His family?  
Brought together?

Gathering as God’s Church in local communities:

1) What is your ideal picture of what your gathering could look like?

2) Explain what could happen, details, who is there, what are they doing? What did they bring?



# Our Church communities as Kerygmatic

To reach this strategic work, the following must occur:

- everyone take seriously their regular establishment in the faith, including your heart of giving
- everyone have weekly habits of renewing your mind
- not just attending, everyone participating in our churches
- everyone follow the work of the Spirit, becoming more aware of opportunities
- everyone be aware of opportunities to gather people into new communities
- apostolic leaders must create and fully understand the strategic intent
- all leaders must understand the strategic intent
- everyone living quiet, yet productive lives
- shepherd leaders, consistently be aware of our brokenness and provide help and hope

...even the world recognizes that we must do more than just believe...

## Our gatherings being Kerygmatic

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Gathering as God’s Church in local communities:

- 1) What is “contribution”? Purpose? What does it do?
- 2) What is your ideal picture of what your gathering could look like? “Going to the Church in the 21st century.”
- 3) Explain what is happening, details, who is there, what are they doing? What did they bring?
- 4) Share how you contribute and one way you can bless and edify your church

# Our gatherings being Kerygmatic

How we talk about this more deeply? Community Conversation...

- What are real life difficulties that we have to overcome?

Our gatherings are a reflection of the quality and depth of our Community...

# Our Churches being Kerygmatic Communities

For us to fulfill our calling and live out the vision, the following must occur:

- everyone take seriously their regular establishment in the faith, including your heart of giving
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- not just attending, everyone participating in our churches (full use of gifts and maturity)
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# Our Churches being Kerygmatic Communities

“Even the World recognizes we must do more than just believe”  
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Living as God's Church - A Kerygmatic Community

- What is your ideal picture of what your church should look like Sunday to Sunday

- #Churchlife

1) What happens during the week? (Be creative)

2) What are people doing? How are we living out the mission and work of Christ



Psalm 103:1-4

① "Oh give thanks to the Lord, call upon  
His Name; Make known His deeds  
among the peoples. ② Sing to Him, sing  
praises to Him; Speak of all His wonders.  
③ Glory in His holy name; Let the heart of  
those who seek Him be glad. ④ Seek  
the Lord and His strength; Seek His face  
continually."

Ps 23:4



## Our Churches being Kerygmatic Communities

**“Our meetings in our homes need to proclaim the Kerygma Story. The change in our lives needs to reflect the power of the Gospel story. The quality of our community life needs to adorn the gospel. We must all be prepared to tell the Story through our stories in a convincing manner.**

**Our churches must fully participate in the regional multiplication of churches. Our churches must participate in the global progress of the gospel through complex apostolic networks. Anything short of this is a fragmentation of the “master plan” of Christ. Bob was right when he summarized these ideas into one statement: “The communities are telling the story of Jesus by the nature of their existence.” - Jeff Reed  
encyclical “Kerygmatic Communities. Pg 37**

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# Our Churches being Kerygmatic Communities

**We need to be who we are...we are a Kerygmatic Community...**