

Faith Christian Fellowship
2014 Being a Real Church
Who Are We?

TEXT: Matt 9:35-38 / Hab 2:1-4

The beginning of the year is always a good spot to stop a minute and evaluate, adjust, and get re-fired. Where are we? Why are we here? And for today, I want to take a minute to remind ourselves who we are?

❖ A little review:

- Start with the Word God has spoken to you personally
 - For me, I mark the seasons of ministry by specifics He has spoken to me. I revisit these markers at least every year.:
 - Go back in your old bibles and notebooks. Remind yourself what God has said. Update your to-do list, and more importantly, update your to BE list.
- What is the Word to us as a church?
 - 2003: Open a fountain of my healing power in this place.
 - 2004: Our Scripture pattern in Matt 9-35-38
 - The Word and the Spirit, keepin' it **real**.
 - Repair, Prepare, Celebrate
 - 2008: The church is an organism, not an organization

❖ 2013: Review

- Pushing past fear, getting into obedience
- **“The structure is in place. We are to become better at moving them from the front door to the process: repair the broken, prepare the willing.”**
- Our “To Do” list from last January:
 - Healing: Training for ministering healing to others.
 - Making **real** disciples. (From the door to the harvest)
 - Preparing and sending laborers: (**organic church**)
 - “We are an incubator for ministry: seed plant, nurture, prune, harvest.”
 - Leaders InCharge - **Building an infrastructure that will support a larger congregation.** A culture of excellence:
 - Excellence allows us to expand our reach
 - FMTI – live and online: Interpreter / Youth Leaders / Healing techs / Mission conference

- Supporting and sending those whom we have grown.
Fruit grows through connection..

- **Praying.** (2011, 2012: turn up the prayer engine). Prayer is foundational to anything we do as Christians. Pray the Lord of the Harvest that He will send laborers.

❖ 2014: **We are now a real church with a sustainable base and a long reach. It is time to impact Tucson.**

- What does a real church full of real disciples do to really impact a community and the world in a rapidly changing culture?
- My personal shift: A new anointing and a new flow
- 2 specific wordso fadmonition for us:
 - Don't spend undue time and effort with quarrelsome people. Focus on the mission.
 - Reading Ezekiel again: Ch 3:9-27. It is time. He has given us a message
- Walking our the Word: A Real Church in 2014
 - **Impacting Tucson:** “The Word and the Spirit, Keepin' It Real...”
 - Importance of prayer in this last hour: Get us protected and motivated - we must have each other's bac
 - Outreach / awareness: Make some noise, have an impact
 - Making Real disciples: Deep and meaningful faith. How do we connect and disciple more effectively?
 - **And a long Reach::** A Headquarters, not a cathedral
 - IEMF/FMTI - impact is a person, not a Bible lesson
 - Mission from the heart of the Body
 - **Organic church** - Where are we?
 - Our challenge: “How do we grow and still have a good potluck?”
 - In response to the challenge, we spent 2013 as leadership preparing to do three things:
 - ◆ Identify talent and calling
 - ◆ Developing vision/planning skills
 - ◆ Mentor ministries into fruitfulness: Part of the FCFT experience: **Finding and fulfilling the ministry in every believer, raising up leaders who raise up leaders.**