

Faith Christian Fellowship
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2014 Being a Real Church
Organic Farming

TEXT: Matt 9:35-38 / Php 2:14-16

A fountain of healing power: Repair, prepare, celebrate!!!!

“The Word and the Spirit ...Keepin’ it real!

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

A Real Church: Without pretense or artifice. It is the people of God striving together to follow God, individually and corporately, through His Word and His Spirit

We have a plan and process. A real church prays, and bears fruit. We are known by our fruit. Our fruit is not programs, it is people!

3 aspects: We have a unique atmosphere, a houseful of transformed lives, and ministries and places of service that spring from the hearts of the people God put here.

Today: The fruit of homegrown ministry

- ❖ Organic church: Ministry from the heart – it reflects who we are
 - Ministry is not a pulpit, it is a job! Col 4:17 / Eph 4:11-12 *diakonéō/ onia. To attend, minister, or serve.*
 - **If you attend church for any length of time without being prepared and facilitated in serving somewhere, then you and I have both failed.**
 - Our challenge: How do we grow yet maintain the local church as an organism rather than an organization, a family rather than a corporation?
 - Motivation or manipulation:
 - Motivation taps in to the spirit in the inside, convincing you that you can do what you know you were meant to do
 - Manipulation uses false promises of blessing or false threats of destruction to get you to do what I want or need.
 - Education or facilitation/ Information or empowerment
 - Our response to the challenge: “How do we grow and still have a good potluck?”
 - Identify gifts and callings
 - Develop a vision and a plan or connect to one that fits

- Mentor ministries into fruitfulness: Part of the FCFT experience: raising up leaders who raise up leaders.
- Our Outreach comes through the ministries that grow up here.
- ❖ How does ministry happen at FCFT?
 - The Lord calls and equips people. Each of us has a purpose and a skill set, actual or potential. 1 Pet 4:10,11 / Eph 2:10
 - He plants people in churches (Psa 92:13-15) to
 - Be discipled – Matt 28:18-20
 - To serve the Kingdom - 1Co 12:27-28
 - God communicates our call to us in several ways:
 - Spectacular vision experiences: Not everyone has a voice or a vision. That is OK, you still have a purpose.
 - The prompting of the Spirit regarding a particular issue
 - Passion and irritation: the tickle of the Holy Ghost.
 - A desire that grows with time with the Lord.
 - Attraction to the vision and plan of another – this is how most people find their spot.
 - Our gifts are the grace God gives us to accomplish the call
 - Locate your gift and find a place to develop it
 - If you believe God is leading you in a direction, then take a step!
 - Join with someone whose vision you share
 - Develop your character: It is the infrastructure of ministry success
 - Talk to a Pastoral counselor to begin the planning process.
- ❖ The plan for the future:
 - Find and develop gifts and callings that God has planted here –
 - If you have a sense of direction for something new, then we have people in place to help you get from vision to fruit.
 - Vision – Envision – Plan - Start
 - Put the lamp on the lampstand: Let the community at large know what FCFT is all about: Luk 8:16.

If you plan on being anything less than you are capable of being, you will probably be unhappy all the days of your life.

Abraham Maslow