

Outreach Coordinator - Jesse Tan

Years at CCF: 1
Years as a Christian: 1-3
Current Church: Bridle Trail Baptist Church
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Vision Statement

"The Great Invitation"

"But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love him"- 1 Corinthians 2:9

God promises us something that the world can never achieve to provide and that is eternal life. Throughout this year as a fellowship, we have learned that eternal life is not merely a gift waiting for us in heaven but we are living it right now by following Jesus Christ. As the apostle Paul mentions in Philippians 1:21 that "To live is Christ and to die is gain," we are reminded that not only has God invited us to come to His kingdom in due time but also that the riches and joys of his promise is fulfilled to us here on Earth when we strive to follow His will and commands. The Kingdom of God is now, there is no denying it, but its not going to magically appear out of thin air. As children and servants of the Lord almighty, we are called to be His hands and feet and to spread the Good News and extend the great invitation of a lifetime to the communities around us. In order to do this, we have to first accept the invitation ourselves and then pass it on to where and whom God has called us to.

Accepting Your Invitation

"Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God." – 1 John 4:7

A common problem we as humans struggle with is that we often try to run before we learn how to walk. At the end of Matthew 28, Jesus commissions us to go and make disciples of all nations but most of us respond to this command of Christ by feeling obligated, rather than feeling compelled to spread His Gospel. The invitation to God's glorious kingdom is entitled to everyone, but before we go and tell the world about the delightful riches of His promise, we must first accept the invitation ourselves and understand the foundations of outreach is rooted in knowing Christ and letting his Will replace our own. It is my hope that CCF can come to see that outreach and the furthering of God's kingdom is not separate from our usual spiritual life

and that it is through the sharing of His grace and word that we come to grow closer and to know Him on a more intimate and personal level.

Extending the Invitation

“Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.” – Romans 12:2

If we choose to accept God’s invitation and treasure it above all other things of this world, then our hearts will draw closer with Christ’ own heart and the spirit will live within us as well as guide us to live out what we truly believe in. Often our approach to outreach is that we have to make an effort to go out of our comfort zone in order to preach the Word of God. However, the beauty of outreach is that it can be done in so many different ways and that God has already blessed each and every single one of us with a unique gift to be used in conjunction with extending the invitation to His glorious banquet, we just have to figure out what our gifts are, through discernment from God and active participation in various forms of outreach, where and what God is calling us to go and do. My hope for my CCF family is that each and every single one of us can make outreach something personal and treasured within our hearts and throughout the process of experimenting with different forms of outreach, we can discover what our strength and gift in outreach are and continue to live it out within our everyday lives.