



FIRST FREE'S VISION FRAME

You can think of our vision frame like top, bottom, and sides of a picture frame. The Marks, Mission, Values, and Strategy provide the boundaries within which we reach toward our vision of *Sharing God's Story through Compassion and Conversation*.



FIRST FREE'S MARKS OF A DISCIPLE

- o **Receives** God's grace daily through faith in Jesus
Romans 5:1-11
- o **Listens** to God's Word and the Holy Spirit and promptly follows
Acts 4:23-31, Colossians 4:2-6, Galatians 5
- o **Serves** God, His church and others through generosity and sacrifice.
2 Corinthians 8 & 9
- o **Builds** relationships with others for disciple making & mission
Galatians 6:1-10
- o **Loves** by proclaiming God's truth & living compassionately
Ephesians 4:15, Matthew 5:13-16

FIRST FREE'S VALUES

We Value Authentic Community

We believe that spiritual growth and healing occur as we honestly face our sins and problems without fear of ridicule and shame. We recognize that as the Holy Spirit brings conviction of sin we will be more willing to face our sin and change in an environment characterized by both grace and truth. *James 5:16*. Demonstrated by:

- Partnering with 12-step groups
- Sharing in small groups & ministry teams
- Accepting & challenging environment

We value the Bible and the Holy Spirit

We recognize our desperate need for God's truth and direction. As we seek God's truth in Scripture we will seek the leading of the Holy Spirit. *John 16:7*. Demonstrated by:

- Prayer ministry
- Seeking God in the context of small groups and ministry teams
- Allowing Scripture and the Holy Spirit to direct decisions and ministries

We Value Compassion, Mercy, and Justice

First Free highly values the Biblical mandate to care for those in need. We believe that disciples grow to be more Christ-like as we receive God's care and care for others. *Luke 10:25-37; Micah 6:8*. Demonstrated by:

- Community Care Clinic
- Children's Hunger Fund
- Crisis and compassion fund

We Value Creativity and the Arts

God is our Creator. Under His leadership we will disciple artists, nurture artistic gifts and express creativity in ministry and outreach. We will creativity express our corporate worship in ways that engage our congregation. *Genesis 1:1, Exodus 31:3*. Demonstrated by:

- Sunday morning worship
- Red Ink Productions
- Worship Teams

We Value Healthy Families

God created families as the primary context for nurture and growth. We recognize because of the fall families are broken and in need of God's transforming power. Our goal is to strengthen families within the church and also help individuals to function well within their families of origin. *Genesis 2:20-25, Col. 3:18-21*. Demonstrated by:

- Children's Ministries
- Young married and family small groups
- Instruction regarding families of origin

We Value Local and Global Ministry

Our desire is to help people cultivate a Kingdom perspective. We also recognize our unique opportunity to equip and launch disciples to serve Christ in other contexts at home and abroad. *Matthew. 28:18-20*. Demonstrated by:

- Leadership training
- Support of missionaries
- Launching others to serve in various churches