Growth Track

Sent

I believe in a world without loneliness.

We don’t want to be a church that’s only about ideas.

We want to be a church that’s about relationships.

The journey from Christian ideas into Christian community we call the Growth Track.

The steps are Encounter, Discover, Connect, Live Sent.

Each section has a staff member attached to it. Our Live Sent step AJ Wilk oversees.

(Invite AJ up.)

Who are you and what is your job?

Why do you believe in it?

How can people join in?

(After he has answered thank him for coming and let him sit down.)

John 17:15-21 [[1]](#footnote-2)

15 I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one. 16 They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. 17 Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. 18 As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. 19 And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth.

20 “I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, 21 that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me.

John 17.

This is the famous High Priestly Prayer from Jesus. It is one of the final prayers of Jesus over His disciples. In the whole prayer he pours out His heart to God on the disciples behalf, and on our behalf.

He looks up to heaven and makes clear His purpose, their purpose and our purpose today. We are sent.

This begs a great question. Sent to do what?

Create and participate in Christian communities. We call it Encounter. Heb. 10:24-25; Acts 2:42;

Learn how God created you to participate in his good work. We call it Discover. 1 Cor. 12:12-14; Romans 12:4-5

Talk about your faith with each other. We call it Connect. 1 Thess. 5:11; Ephesians 4:15-16

Talk about your faith with non-believers. We call it Living Sent. Matthew 28:18-20; Matthew 5:13-16; Romans 10:14-15

Illustration:

Here is one way to test it. Open your phone and look at the last 20 messages. How many of them are non-believers or struggling believers you are specifically bringing the good news of Jesus to?

Maybe this is you…

“Pastor Mike, I would love to be more evangelistic but I don’t know where to start and honestly it makes me nervous.”

Two things you can do: Talk to AJ. Join a Sent gathering.

We want to help you live your Spiritual purpose.

1. The Holy Bible: English Standard Version (Wheaton, IL: Crossway Bibles, 2016) [↑](#footnote-ref-2)