

# OUR VISION



## EMMANUIL — A CHURCH THAT REACHES HEARTS

We are a biblical, Spirit-filled church that worships Jesus Christ and reaches the people around us for God.

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I will build my church  
**Matt. 16:18**

Like a wise master builder I laid a foundation, and another builds on it. But let each one be careful how he builds on it.

**1 Cor. 3:10**

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It is important to notice the idea of the Church being founded — which means that the Church, in its earthly existence, has a concrete purpose. Accordingly, **our task is not to invent goals for the Church**, but to discover, embrace, and put into action the goals and tasks set by Jesus Christ.

As He was leaving this world, Jesus Christ explained that He left His inheritance in His place — the Church He founded; **a Church that carries out His will and His commission** (just as He carried out the will of the Heavenly Father on earth).

His Church here on earth is His representation, His embassy, His ekklesia — which, like salt and light, is meant to influence this world: transforming it, seasoning it, and bringing light.

We cannot simply pursue whatever we like and do what we enjoy. It is not enough merely to reach goals — we must reach the right goals.

### GOD'S WILL CONSISTS OF THREE GOALS:

Knowing God

Transformation into the image of Christ

Fulfilling your calling

We believe that God has a plan to lead every person through these stages of spiritual experience, which are the key to a full Christian life.

### THEREFORE WE HAVE A CLEAR UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT TO DO:

Bring people to Jesus Christ and into His family

Grow them to maturity, transformed into Christ's image

Guide them into church ministry and their life mission

*All of this is for the glory of the Great God and the fulfillment of His will.*

# I. KNOWING GOD



People become disillusioned with religion. What they really want is to know God — to experience and feel Him personally. And everything in God's plan requires a genuine relationship with Him.

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That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him.

**Ephesians 1:17**

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The primary and **highest calling of the church is the souls of people**. Why? Because they are lost! Only through encountering and knowing God do people find salvation.

## SO, WHAT DO WE DO ABOUT IT?

We **organize** our Sunday services so that everyone visiting the church for the first time can hear and encounter the Good News of the Lord's love and salvation.

That is why we **inspire** every believer to share their testimony and tell those around them about Christ — and to make the effort to bring their friends, acquaintances, and relatives to the Sunday services.

We **invest** the greatest possible effort into the Sunday services. Of course, not everything revolves around them — but they are the catalyst for everything else.

# II. TRANSFORMATION INTO THE IMAGE OF JESUS CHRIST



But we all, with unveiled face beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are transformed into the same image from glory to glory, as from the Lord, the Spirit.

**2 Corinthians 3:18**

We cultivate friendly, close, open relationships with people, so that through these relationships the Lord can change hearts. **We are called to dedicate our souls and hearts to the Lord**, so that He may minister through us.

Confess your offenses to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The earnest prayer of a righteous person is powerful.

**James 5:16**

But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ, His Son, cleanses us from all sin.

**1 John 1:7**

Change in life happens in the context of relationships. But how? How can this be brought about? — Through the ministry of home groups.

## TO SEE THEIR IMMATURITY AND SHORTCOMINGS AND WORK ON THEM, A PERSON NEEDS A PLACE OF:

Relationship with other believers, where he is truly known

Acceptance and protection, where others pray for him and help in hardship

Growth, where he can study the Bible and share his understanding of life

*That is why we sincerely encourage everyone who comes to the Sunday service and becomes part of the church to join a home group — to be part of the church family, living in openness with sisters and brothers.*

# III. FULFILLING YOUR CALLING



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For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

**Ephesians 2:10**

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It is vital to help people find their calling, because happiness is found in fulfilling one's purpose. **The two greatest days of your life:** the day you were born, and the day you understood why.

The question of purpose was life-defining for the apostle Paul. When he met Christ, he asked **two vital questions:**

Who are You, Lord?

What do You want me to do?

We exist to help people discover and develop their gift of grace. The sole **goal of discipleship is to help people find their calling.**

We believe that **every gift and every talent matters** in God's design, and everyone who responds to His call will surely find their place in serving God.