



Discovery Church exists to help you grow in your relationship with God and connect with a people who are seeking to do the same. We are a loving, authentic faith community journeying together toward a greater understanding of God and discovering our deeper purpose in Christ. We strive to live out the Gospel in every aspect of our lives and serve the world with the love of Jesus. Whether you are a long-time believer or new to the faith, there's a home for you here at Discovery Church.

Worship

Word

World



What we believe shapes our lives together, the ways we worship God, how we approach God's Word, and our work as Christ-followers in the world.

### Worship

*All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord; and all the families of the nations shall worship before him. — Psalm 22:27*

Everyone was made for something bigger than themselves, something worth living for. That something is God. We were created to know and worship God, which means putting God first in all parts of our lives. As a church we aim to put God before everything we do, as individuals, as families, and as the people of God. We seek to live lives of worship to God that extend well beyond Sunday morning.

### Word

*Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly. — Col 3:16*

What God wants for us is to know and be loved by God. This is why he has given us the Bible, for it is in the Bible that God reveals to us who he is and what God has done for us in Jesus Christ. Therefore, we believe that it is essential for everyone to get better acquainted with Scripture. At Discovery Church, we can help you do this through worship services and sermons, Bible studies, discipleship programs, our children's and youth ministries, special seminars, and more.

### World

*"Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." — John 20:21*

Just as the God gave the Son for the world, so every church should not just be focused in on itself, but should turn outward to the needs of the world. Serving is more than volunteering: It's a deeper component of discipleship and an opportunity to be Christ's hands and feet to the needy in a broken world. We want to be a church that makes a difference in our community and in the world, to serve in the mighty name of Jesus.

*We worship on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. Our service blends old and new, traditional and contemporary. It's reverent, yet relaxed and welcoming. Join us!*

## WORSHIP

Our goal for worship is that it would be inspiring and challenging: inspiring us to become better followers of Jesus and challenging our hearts and minds so that we can grow into him.

We begin the service as one big family, adults and kids together. After

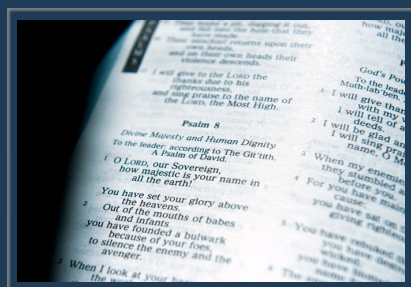


singing and a special message from the pastor, the kids head to fun, interactive classes designed just for them where they can explore God's amazing love, while the adults stay for the sermon.

Like most churches we follow Christ's command and celebrate the Lord's Supper regularly (once a month); unlike others, we do so early in the service so that children can experience it with their parents and family before they leave for their classes.

## WORD

God gives us the treasure of Scripture that we might come to know God better. Spending time in the Word is akin to spending time with the Lord - our knowledge grows and our relationship deepens, as we seek to live and serve as Christ-followers.



We offer a number of Bible studies each year for adults, in addition to special seminars and smaller discipleship groups of three to four people.

A distinctive characteristic of our Sunday mornings is our children's ministry. Kids make up a large proportion of Discovery's membership, and we place

high priority on teaching and discipling them.

Through Sunday morning classes and Vacation Bible School for the younger ones and youth group experiences, camps and retreats, Bible studies, and confirmation classes for our teens, we focus on helping kids of all ages grow in their understanding of God and their faith and toward a life of discipleship.

## WORLD

God sent the Son and the Spirit into the world to save it. An indispensable part of worshipping God and following Jesus is sharing in his mission.

We regularly participate in missions that serve both local and global needs. Because of our commitment to building kids in Christ, we try to focus on missions that can involve just about all ages.



Discovery has supported Clayton Area Ministries, Note in the Pocket, Smithfield Rescue Mission, Rise Against Hunger, Compassion International, and the Yahve Jire Children's Home in Haiti.

We believe that all God's people are gifted to be ministers and equipped for God's service. That's why we strive to connect people with ways to use their unique talents for God's church. Our ministry teams offer a variety of opportunities to serve at Discovery.

Discovery Church wants to help you find your own unique role for Christ in this world, because we believe that God is at work in and through you no matter where you are. To remind ourselves of this, we end each service with these words:

*Wherever you go, God is sending you, wherever you are, God has put you there; He has a purpose in your being there. Christ who indwells you has something He wants to do through you, where you are. Believe this and go in His grace and love and power. Amen.*