

At Grace Walk Community Church the first part of our Mission Statement is “Winning Souls.” Everything we do should be with the consideration of how we are affecting the community, our visitors to the church and our members. We want to influence people toward Christ by our Christ likeness and our friendliness.

The next part “Making Winners in Life” is done through personal relationships, various ministries and teachings. At Grace Walk, we want to minister to the spiritual, physical, mental and emotional needs of people. We believe in doing this by teaching and training in the various areas of life such as financial, business, spiritual leadership and other areas that influence your life and lead you on a successful journey in life.

We at Grace Walk do not want to be just another church, but we desire to be a “Seeker~Sensitive” church in our approach to the community. This is evident in the way that we do virtually everything.

Our short service, music style, casual dress, and teaching are all part of providing a non~threatening setting for people to consider God, Jesus, and the Bible. Our greatest desire is to reach the large majority of people in the West Valley who do not know God. People who already are right with God also enjoy these elements of Grace Walk.

Statistically, 95% of all churches average between 35 and 200 people in attendance weekly. What this tells us is that 95% of all churches are small and can provide the “small church ministry” that many are desiring, (example: knowing everyone, knowing about everything, having a say in decisions, knowing the Pastor personally, etc).

Because we do not plan to be just another small church, this small church approach is not part of the philosophy of ministry for Grace Walk. Therefore, Grace Walk is designed to be very different from the “normal church”.

One of these differences is our target audience. Estimations show that over 99% of all churches are designed for people who are already right with God. While we welcome those who are already saved and may be moving or changing churches because of God’s divine leading, we give an opportunity in everything we do for the “unchurched” to come to a personal relationship with God.

Because of this desire to reach the unchurched, and in addition to you inviting others, Grace Walk does many forms of advertising. We believe if you are going to have a party then you must send out the invitations. We then seek to be as effective as we can be in our services because if we expect people to stay, it had better be a good party. We value both the people and the time they commit to come and take another look at Grace Walk.

From the beginning, Pastor Joe had designed Grace Walk to make sure that it did not have the barriers to growth that most churches have. Therefore, Grace Walk is not the stereo-typical church. We do not use a democratic organizational structure as most churches do. We follow the biblical pattern that the pastors are solely responsible for the

direction and oversight of the church. This principle is first of all God's direction in the Bible, and secondly it is a tremendous catalyst to growth.

Another key to Grace Walk is the realization that we will not and cannot be the church for everyone. We cannot appeal to everyone anymore than one radio station could attract everyone by playing all possible kinds of music....ultimately, everyone would be offended and no one would listen. If we try to be everything to everyone we will end up being nothing to anyone. Because of this if someone does not agree with our philosophy of ministry here at Grace Walk, we will encourage them and even assist them in finding a different church where they agree with the philosophy of ministry and fulfill Hebrews 13:17 in their own life.

This is a good thing for all of us that it enables each of us to be where God would want us to be. We do not do things "just because this is the way they are done." We try to make everything done with a sense of purpose for growth in the church. Therefore, maximizing our precious time, energy and money.

As we continue to grow and become large, how are we going to be able to know each other personally? Well, statistics say that you can only know about 50 people even casually at any given time. If this is true, we should not think that we will or should know very many of the people in our services.

But consider this....you can go to a Suns game and enjoy yourself with thousands of people that you do not know. Why? Because you understand that the purpose of going to the game is not to know everyone else who goes. In the same way, knowing each other or getting to know each other is not and cannot be a part of the purpose of our growing services. The anonymity allows a safe atmosphere for the un~church to attend.

At the same time, we at Grace Walk realize the interactive needs of the congregation must be met. We want to be known as a friendly large church. We strive for a high rating in the friendliness factor. Because of the interactive need in the church we have available many ministries in which you can consider becoming a part of.

This is the foundational basis of Grace Walk. If this is the kind of church that you are searching for in your spiritual life, then welcome to Grace Walk, a growing Community Church.