

For every person that attends church in Grand Rapids, there are at least two people who don't attend. Why? Because they are spiritually disconnected from Jesus Christ. Those two people have a boy on your son's soccer team. Those two people eat at the same restaurants as you, watch the same TV shows as you, and have the same kinds of marriage problems and financial pressures as you. They're your neighbors, your co-workers, your classmates. Those two people are included in the 20,000 spiritually disconnected men, women, and young people within a short drive of Remembrance Church.

What is Remembrance Church going to do about the reality of those around us? We will commit ourselves to help **"Connect the Spiritually Disconnected & Grow the Connected"** (Matthew 28:19-20). To reach out with God's grace and truth to the spiritually disconnected, and to lead men, women, youth, and children to become fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ.

Where are we going and what is our Vision?

Our Vision: "To impact lives in the NW Grand Rapids region (the 20,000-30,000 spiritually disconnected people within 5 miles of RC) and beyond with the Good News of Jesus Christ, and help them, as well as our current Remembrance Church members, become fully devoted followers (disciples) of Jesus Christ (Matthew 28:19-20)

Definition: A fully devoted follower of Christ (a disciple) is a person regularly and faithfully practicing all 4 Key Elements of the Christian life.

Our Win: When a person who is spiritually disconnected commits their life to Jesus Christ and begins faithfully practicing all "4 Key Elements".

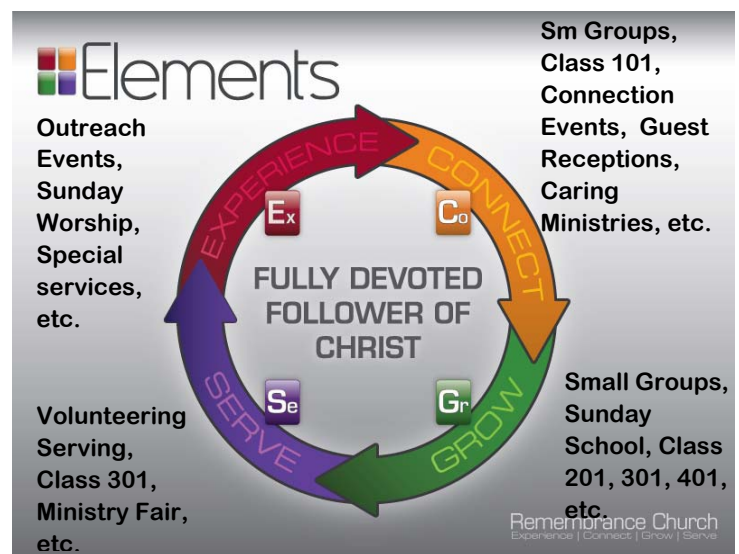
What we practice: The 4 Key Elements

Experience (Ex): Experiencing and Helping people experience God in a new and meaningful way.

Connect (Co): Connecting and Helping people connect in caring and meaningful friendships.

Grow (Gr): Growing and Helping people grow in their understanding of God and trust in Jesus Christ.

Serve (Se): Serving and Helping people reach out and serve others in God's family, in their community, and throughout the world.



How we accomplish our “WIN”:

Our strategy = Christ-centered gatherings that are involved in strategic service and growth ministry (i.e., Small Group). Regularly practicing together all 4 Key Elements of the Christian life.

Thinking steps not programs – getting from here to there (our win).

1. Our steps leading into groups and service must be easy, obvious, and strategic.
2. Everything we do must work to funnel people into group gatherings and ministries living out the Key Elements. If something doesn't, we graciously yet boldly shut it down.

Invest & Invite:

1. Invest your time getting to know your neighbors, co-workers, friends, family members that are spiritually disconnected from Jesus Christ.
2. Invite them to join you through the following steps.

1. Outreach or Connecting Events	2. Weekend worship	3. Inquirers /Membership (Guest Reception /Class 101)	4. Small Group/Sunday School and Service ministry involvement
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- Outreach events include: Picnic, Parade, Festival, Trunk or Treat, etc.
- Connecting opportunities include: Recovery/support groups (e.g. GriefShare, Divorce support), White Caps game, Berlin Race, Trivia night, etc.

What this looks like in our daily walk with Jesus Christ

1. Experiencing: Take the initiative to befriend and serve other people far from Christ to help them experience God in a meaningful way.
2. Connecting/Worshipping: Regularly join with other Christ followers in corporate worship and in small group community for encouragement, Bible learning/application, prayer, and accountability.
3. Growing: Spend time daily nurturing your personal relationship with Jesus Christ through Bible reading, study, and prayer, as well as, committing to honor God in the financial area of your life through regular giving to the church and to others in need.
4. Serving: Discover your spiritual gifts and ministry interests and begin serving in a ministry area within or outside the church.

For people who are far from Christ, the most significant thing you can do is to walk closely with Jesus, and trust Him to use you to reach out in love to those who do not yet know Him. There is no greater purpose in life. Will you join with Remembrance Church to help “*Connect the Spiritually Disconnected & Grow the Connected*”?

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