

Redemption Hill Church Newcomers Class

Week 1 – Introductions: History & Mission

Our History

- A church plant from Countryside Church in 2015
- Became self-supporting and self-governing in 2017
- Purchased building in 2020
- Addition of pastor Steven Parkin in 2021
- Paid off mortgage in 2022

Our Mission

What is the church?

- Those redeemed by grace, united by faith in Christ
- A global / universal reality (THE Church)
- The local assembly of believers (a church)
- An institution with God-ordained authority, mission, ordinances, and promises.
- Biblical Metaphors
 - o The Family of God (Eph 2:19)
 - o The Bride of Christ (Eph 5:32)
 - o The Body of Christ (Eph 5:30)
 - o The Temple of the Holy Spirit (Eph 2:21; 1 Cor 3:16)

Our Mission is NOT ...

- Things only Jesus can do
- Things that lack eternal value
- Things we MAY do
- Things commanded broadly to individuals

Our Mission - *We exist to glorify God by being and making disciples of Jesus.*

1. The glory of God is our ultimate goal: our mission has an *upward* aim (Ps 115:1; 1 Cor 10:31; Rom 12:1; Eph 3:21)
2. Following Jesus as disciples means our mission has a *forward direction*. (John 10:27; Matt 16:24)
3. Calling others to follow Jesus as disciples means our mission has an *outward concern*. (Luke 24:46; Matt 28:19; Acts 1:8; Rom 10:13-15; Col 1:28; Heb 10:24)

Conclusion

We believe faithfulness to this mission will produce and sustain healthy churches. It is through such churches that God's program will continue in the world for his glory.