

Identity

Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it. Proverbs 4:23

18 Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth. 1 John 3:18

The thing that you are most insecure about is the identity that you are trying to sell the world.

Inviting people to church is great but investing in people is even better.

The only way that we can be a church whose heart, center, and identity is Jesus is to be filled with people whose hearts, centers, and identities are Jesus.

Every church has a personality and identity and like every individual we have insecurities and flaws.

7 But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us. 2 Corinthians 4:7

We have to be counter cultural and create a worship space that grates against the misdirected ideals that our culture holds.

We all spend too much time decorating the clay pot when when should be more empowered by what is inside.

2 “So when you give to the needy, do not announce it with trumpets, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and on the streets, to be honored by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. 3 But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, 4 so that your giving may be in secret. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you. Matthew 6:2-4

When God puts a burden on our hearts, he does not expect us to outsource the solution, he expects us to be the solution.