

Why we started...

We longed for Acts 2...we wanted to be a part of something that screamed of Christ.

We wanted to see life change....we didn't want to run programs or play church. We wanted to be disciples...make disciples.

We knew that life change happened best in the context of relationship and only by God's grace and deep dependence on His word.

We wanted to be relevant...focusing on function not concerned with forms unless God said the form was important.

We wanted to be and join hearts with other folks who lived Phil 2, Mark 10:45 lives.

We wanted to effect the next generation of church leaders at DTS

We wanted to reach the next generation of civic/business leaders at SMU

We wanted to capture the hearts and passion of the 20-30 somethings living in and moving to Dallas from college and entering into their first careers

We wanted to rescue people from the cultural Christianity that permeates Dallas....we wanted to unleash the entrepreneurial spirit, so prevalent in our city, toward eternal things.

We wanted to reclaim men's hearts for Christ. We wanted to see women suffering under distracted and selfish husbands renewed in their hope and joy. We wanted to inspire and motivate men to lead humbly and passionately.

We wanted to create a place where we could invite anyone anytime to hear in a warm, safe, authentic environment about the love of Christ.

We wanted to invite God's people back into the life giving pleasure of significantly joining with God to reach others and build His kingdom.

We wanted grace to be fearlessly preached and Jesus passionately followed.

We wanted to restore the world's love for God's people "the church".

We wanted to see people loved and cared for the way God's word said they should be loved and cared for. We wanted to take away the excuse that some offered concerning their desire to grow to the fullness of God's intention for them.

We wanted to become a source of encouragement and challenge to other churches, leaders, pastors.

We wanted our children to see us enjoying God and for them to see the passion we have for Christ. We wanted to introduce them to our God with him with unmatched creativity, excellence and challenge.

We wanted to be a city on a hill that could not be hidden...

We wanted to have hearts that were completely His so He could support us strongly in any way He wanted to use us to serve His purposes.

We wanted to LOVE God and LOVE others. We wanted to admonish, encourage and help. We wanted to become more of what Christ wanted us to become.

We wanted to yield to His Spirit....we wanted to respond to grace.

We wanted to be faithful and let the results fall on Him.

**We wanted to deepen your excitement for the day you meet the king**

2 Corinthians 5:10

10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may be recompensed for his deeds in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.

We had no goal related to size...only effectiveness. We had not plans for a place, only for a people. We were realistic in that we knew PEOPLE need places to gather, but we wanted God to develop the people before we developed the place....so there was no rush toward a property and no rush toward a design until the Lord showed us a little more of what he was up to.