

BRANSGORE COMMUNITY CHURCH

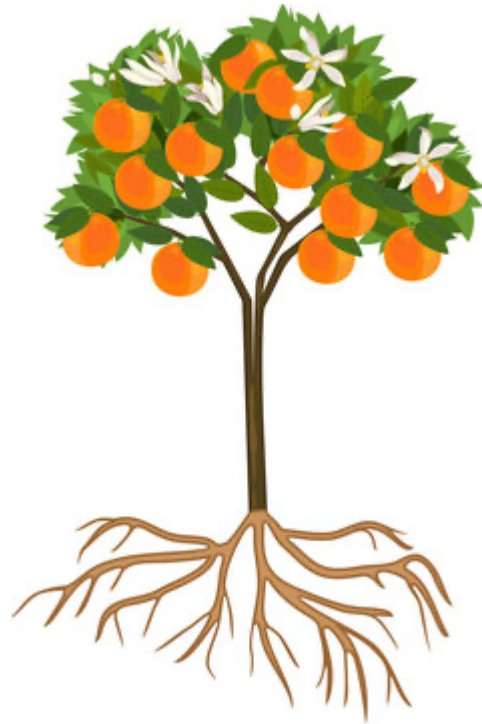
A DISCIPLE MAKING CHURCH

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Bransgore Community Church exists to be a place where people can **GATHER** to **GROW** as disciples of Jesus Christ and then **GO** and make disciples of others through our witness and words.

This can be encapsulated in our Mission Statement as a church:
TO KNOW JESUS CHRIST AND MAKE HIM KNOWN

And this comes from the heart of Christ's **Great Commandments & Commission** to us.

MATTHEW 22:36-40

36 "Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?"

37 Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' 38 This is the first and greatest commandment. 39 And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' 40 All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."

MATTHEW 28:18-20

8 Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

We are to be a commandment people who do the great commission.

These two commandments are the foundation of everything else in the Bible. If we don't build our life on this foundation, then the entire building of our life—including our involvement in the Great Commission—will come tumbling down. What sustains our commitment to the Great Commission is a great commitment to the great commandment. If we love God, then we will love others. And such twofold love will drive us to share that great news of God's love with others to the glory of God.

When we give ourselves in obedience to Jesus' teaching this is our act of Spiritual **WORSHIP** (Romans 12:1).

It is as we **GATHER** we have the opportunities to **GROW** together as Disciples so that we can **GO** and Make Disciples.

Gather

Our Gatherings have a two-fold focus BUT BOTH are intentional on that we are **GATHERING TO JESUS – HE IS THE CENTRAL FOCUS OF OUR GATHERINGS.**

1. For the church family to **EXALT, ENCOURAGE & EQUIP**

We acknowledge that when we gather as the people of God it enables us to **EXALT** Jesus through our Worship, Prayer, Teaching & Serving. That it is a place where we can encourage one another in our fellowship and in the word of God and a place where we are Equipped to serve God & one another.

It is a place where we can do the Great Commandment together & Equipped to do The Great Commission.

2. For the Seeker

Some of our Gatherings should be seen as a starting point for building friendships and growing spiritually with others.

These are places where we can outwork the Great Commandment whilst doing the Great Commission.

1

To be obedient to God's command

(Heb. 10:23-25)

2

To be equipped for the work of ministry

(Eph. 4:11-14)

3

To have our minds renewed through the preaching of the Word

(Rom. 12:1-2)

4

To employ our spiritual gifts for the benefit of the church

(1 Cor. 12)

5

To evangelise the watching world through our love for one another

(John 13:35)

6

To be held accountable by other mature brothers and sisters in the Lord

(Acts 18:24-26)

7

To be disciplined by older, godly men and women

(Titus 2:2-6)

8

To ease the mind of your shepherd, so he/she is not worrying about your growth

(Heb. 13:17)

9

To grow in our faith of the Lord Jesus Christ as we are taught His Word

(1 Pet. 2:2)

10

To be encouraged to persevere in the faith by other believers

(Heb. 3:12-14)

Grow

As we **GATHER** regularly together we experience growth as we learn to pray for others effectively, apply the Bible to their lives, serving and through the sharing of each other's experience (Testimony) and wisdom while building friendships.

Regular attendance to other gatherings outside of Sunday services (Life group, men's/women's ministries, mentoring etc) will activate spiritual growth all the more. This is because most of us learn by asking questions, and going deeper into biblical study which is not always possible during most regular Sunday services. By asking questions we are able to apply truths and receive biblical wisdom at a pace that we can understand and implement. All of us are confronting issues that require time, sustained prayer, encouragement and perseverance to be resolved and overcome. These issues may be associated with character, faith, relationships, work, family, finance amongst others. It is our desire that as we **GATHER** we can all receive discipleship and mentoring from one another which gives the necessary guidance, wisdom and correction to confront and be better imitators of Jesus.

We also have greater opportunities to serve one another in the gifts God has given through our culture of **GRACE**.

Additionally, as we get to know each other we will see character, leadership qualities and potential in others bearing fruit. Furthermore, we can then begin to form nucleus of multiple teams to organise "gathering events" to continue drawing others into the church.

Go

Over time as we **GATHER** and **GROW** relationally and spiritually, as we are encouraged and equipped this will impact mission and ministry. As the local church we are committed to empowering people to live faithfully and fruitfully for Christ in their Monday-to-Saturday lives (we call these Frontlines: the places where we spend much of our time, where we meet people who don't know Jesus – Our neighbourhoods, schools, colleges, universities, workplaces, families etc). As we build relationships, and share through witness & words we can then extend opportunities to other to come **GATHER**, then **GROW** as disciples & **GO** make disciples.

Gather

EXALT / ENCOURAGE / EQUIP

Hebrews 10:25

Come & see

John 1:39-41

Sunday Services
Life Groups
One to One
Discipleship/Mentoring
Worship Evenings
Prayer Gatherings
Men's / Women's Events
Youth Events / Services
Camps
Courses

Alpha
Mid-Week Ministries

- Monday Youth
- Cosmic Kids Club
- Scallywags
- Carers Café
- Oasis

Men's & Women's Evenings
Special Events

Grow

Growing Disciples who are Equipped to Make Disciples

Matthew 4:19

Spiritual Growth	Character Growth	Growing Friendships	Growing Team	Growing Mission
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Growing in WORSHIP • Growing through asking questions • Growing through applying God's word together 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Growing in GRACE • Growing as Imitators of Christ • Growing in how we: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Work - Family - Give - Serve - Relationships 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Growing friendships that Point to Jesus, Provide & Give: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Guidance - Wisdom - Correction - Encouragement 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Growing In Raising Leaders • Growing in Gifting & Serving • Growing in Equipping New Ministries 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Growing in obedience to God's Commission • Encouragement to fulfil God's Commission.

Go

Making disciples for Jesus

Matthew 28:18-20

FRONTLINE	LOCALLY	NATIONALLY	GLOBALLY
Neighbours Family & Friends Schools College University Workplace Clubs (Where God has placed You most)	Church Ministries <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Coffee House- Scallywags- The Life- Carers Café- Care Homes- Village Partnerships- Oasis- Faith Work Wessex- PACE- Alpha & Other Events Local Charities <ul style="list-style-type: none">- BH1- Food Bank- Acts 4 Sharing- Counselling Together- Water Lily	National Charities <ul style="list-style-type: none">- CAP- Urban Saints	Global Charities <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Project Rusova- Kalayaan- Nations- New Hope for Children- Compassion- Open Doors- Ukrainian Crisis