

WHAT DOES VG VALUE?

We **WANT** to encourage people to enjoy God together. (MISSION)

We are **PASSIONATE** about building joy-filled communities of faith whose very existence inspires individuals to live an abundant Christian Life, made up of three key relationships: a deepening relationship with God (r1), a life-changing relationship with other believers (r2), and an engaging relationship with those yet to believe (r3). (VISION)

We **BELIEVE** that there is more joy in Jesus than anywhere else in this world, that we are transformed within community, that our lives should be Biblically saturated. We also believe that we should not isolate ourselves, but live embedded in the cultures we find ourselves in. Finally, we encourage embracing inevitable tensions (VALUES)

R1 A DEEPENING RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

Tozer says it best when he states: "What comes into our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us". We at Vintage Grace consider this our highest aim and our most important relationship. Sunday morning gatherings will be solely focused on r1. We will do our best not to be distracted with entertainment and consumerism but rather focus on who God is as revealed to us in His Word and our response to Him in our Worship (songs included, but not exclusive!). All of our other relationships (r2 and r3) flow from who God is and how we interact with Him. Sunday morning then becomes a special time to celebrate and enjoy God with a corporate group of believers who have actually been doing that all week, both by themselves and with other believers in life groups.



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R2 A LIFE-CHANGING RELATIONSHIP WITH OTHER BELIEVERS

Vintage Grace will be a church made up of life groups, not a church with a life group ministry. As we seek to build **joy-filled communities** (future church plants) we must first become a joy-filled community ourselves which is made up of many mini joy-filled communities consisting of joy filled individuals. As a result, we have a very detailed and thought through Life Group Structure and expectations:

Our LG Values:

1. Genuine spiritual life (authentic faith in God) produces ongoing spiritual transformation.
2. God uses human relationships as the primary means of stimulating spiritual life and transformation.

Our LG Vision:

To have every adult member of VG gladly commit to sharing their life with a small group of believers (Life Group), in order to increase the joy we all experience in God.

The Characteristics of an Ideal Life Group

Description: A small group of believers (8-16) who gladly commit to meeting together (once a week for a 10-12 week session) to encourage one another's ongoing spiritual transformation.

Focus

- Study of Scripture
- Building of Relationships (Community)
- Prayer

Qualities

- Authentic Interaction
- Loving Acceptance
- Compelling Connection
- Evangelistic Influence
- Irresistible Experience

The Characteristics of an Ideal Life Group Leader:

- Meets the spiritual qualifications of an Elder
- Committed to living out Our Vision and Values
- Living out r3
- Learner
- Mentor
- Disciple Maker
- Leader
- Shepherd



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R3 AN ENGAGING RELATIONSHIP WITH THOSE WHO HAVE YET TO BELIEVE

At Vintage Grace we believe that all 3 relationships are inextricably tied to one another and are all a part of a balanced Christian life. Outreach (r3) is an overflow of the first two primary relationships. We, as believers, have experienced a Holy, Loving, Righteous God who cares for us and we inevitably want to share that with others. God's mass plan for evangelism (as described in the "Why Plant" section) is to use the Bride of Christ as his ambassadors for the Gospel. We then as a church become the hands and feet of Christ (we are literally Jesus with skin on) and the people (who although not perfect) become pointers towards where ultimate happiness lies: in Christ.

Values:

1. All who genuinely love Christ inevitably share His love with those who don't.
2. Jesus' love is most effectively shared in the context of relationships.

Vision:

To encourage every member of the VG family to intentionally engage in relationships with those yet to believe with the hope that God will use us to reveal Christ's love.



HOW WE WILL GATHER PEOPLE.

God has graciously already given us our core as we have multiple families moving with us as well as multiple families who have already caught the VG vision through our various pre-trips and decided they want to be a part of it! We are currently close to our desired goal of 30 core launch members.

From this core 30 our hope is that our greatest attractor will actually be our love for one another (John 13:35) and the joy that permeates from us, in Christ (John 15:11). We are not promoting a 'build it and then they will come' philosophy but rather Christ built this in us so we go to them strategy. This core will be intentionally focused on being culturally embedded and building strategic relationships through our neighborhoods, schools, gyms, rec leagues etc. Our most recent life group, which we built and led is a great example of this.

We have one family who was a neighbor of ours who through our relationship discovered MORE joy in Christ. We also have another couples we met as a family and then another couple who asked me to marry them via a community referral that has also recently begun going to church with us and enjoying the abundant life Christ has offered.

We view the core of Vintage Grace as Navy Seals who will move into a community and become embedded as residents and eventually infect it with the love and joy of Christ! Therefore we will not be devoting a ton of budgetary resources to large outreach programs, but rather will have our budget reflect this relationship-focused value. That being said, we are not opposed to certain programs and opportunities, which will foster relationship opportunities.

We will have a couple of community action projects which will allow us to connect with people and bring people together for a common cause (affluent communities LOVE social action, even if they don't love Christ, because it makes them feel good about themselves). We will also be focusing on serving children and parents through ministries such as FPU and free sports clinics (using my and others' collegiate and professional sports experience).

OUR GOALS REFLECT OUR VALUE OF FOCUSING ON THE "CORE" VERSUS SIMPLY THE "CROWD" WHILE ATTEMPTING TO NOT NEGLECT EITHER. BUT THE CORE COMES FIRST AND IS WHAT PRODUCES A HEALTHY CROWD OVER TIME.

KEY MILESTONES.



Phase 1 (Jan-July): PLAN

Monthly Pre Trips

Establish 501cs, articles of incorp, EIN and all other paperwork stuff

Primary Partner raising

Establish core: 3, 12, 30

Establish co-op Elder/Leadership board with VG and Sending Church: RCC

Phase 2 (Aug-Sept): PREPARE

Free "Vintage Sports Clinics" (August)

Rent /prep office Space (9/1)

Finalize Location for Sunday morning gatherings (9/15)

1st Annual staff/elder retreat (Sept. 27-29)

Train Life Group Leaders (the core 12) going through Philippians for the Spring

Begin meeting as a core (the core 30) on Sunday mornings, going through vision/values

Phase 3 (Oct-Jan): PRACTICE

Continue to train Life Group Leaders (this is essentially our first life group @ our home)

Continue meeting as Core @ office on Sunday Am's: Vision/Values

"Make a Difference Day" (Oct. 5th): Blood. Bone Marrow, Food and Clothe drive—huge block party in our office parking lot

MOPS Launch (Oct. 7th)

FPU (Financial Peace University) Launch-Oct.8th

1st Preview Service Nov. 3rd (100 people)

(Nov. 15th Vintage Sports clinics part 2)

2nd Preview Service Dec. 1st (150 people)

Christmas Eve Service

3rd Preview Service Jan. 5th (200 people)

Phase 4 (January 19th, 2014): LAUNCH Vintage Grace

Launch Goal of 250 people!

Jan '14: Launch 1st wave of Life Groups (60 people - 6 leaders)

March '14: Launch second wave of Life Groups (120-12 leaders)



WHAT DOES SUCCESS LOOK LIKE?

I have had to wrestle with this question a lot as I have prayed over Vintage Grace. The tendency will be that larger is better, and although I am not against more quantity I am committed to not compromising the quality for the quantity. If only 5% of Vintage Grace gets the Joy offered in Christ, then I don't want to be a 1,000 member church EVER. But if we can get 85% to "get it" then I will be stoked with a 200 - member church. That's a HUGE difference of 50 people versus 170! So our goals may seem modest to the average church planter, but understand our bias is towards quality and OST (on going spiritual transformation) versus quantity and people being more excited about the church than they are about Christ.

O.S.T. is the hill we will die on as a Church and the thing we care about the most. This is very hard to measure because we don't often see the results of this until the cancer diagnosis or the Job is lost. Success to us though will be a myriad of stories of people trusting God more and finding a deeper joy and level of satisfaction in who Christ is and not the security of their bank account. Even with this focus we still have a few "measurable" goals that we are shooting for!

- 1.) Stories, stories and more stories! As described above we hope to hear of lives being changed and hope to leverage our worship services and website as an alter to the Glory of God and His work in our O.S.T.
- 2.) 30 people who "get it" by the time we set up our fist preview service in Nov. 2013
- 3.) 50 people in our Life groups by the time we launch in Jan. of 2014 (requires 4-8 LG leaders)
- 4.) 250 people at the "launch" in January, and then seeing this number be our faithful attendance by the Fall of '14!
- 5.) 100 people in our Life groups by the fall of '14 (requires 8-16 LG leaders)
- 6.) 30 people come to Christ the first year we are up there (9/1-8/30/14)



WHAT WILL IT COST?

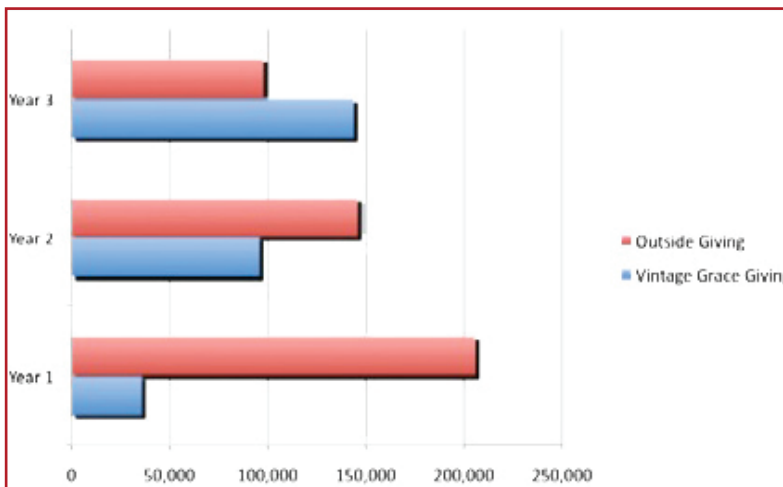
VG BUDGET

Salaries/Benefits (2 full time and 2 part time- relationally based ministry and all staff are fundraised as missionaries for first 2 years): 170k
Rent/Utilities (Church Office and School): 24k
Outreach/Missions: 15k
Office expenses/Overhead: 27.9k
Programs (student and children's ministries): 5k

Our Desire

Our desire is to be a self-sustaining church by year three and we have been fundraising and planning accordingly. We have five key strategic partners who believe in our Gospel vision and the impact it can make! You can see the graph to see the projected income sources for VG the first three years.

Our Goal is to raise \$50,000 for start up costs (equipment and initial promo/events), as well as the approximate \$600,000 needed to cover our first two and a half years of operating expenses.



OUR NEED - We are still looking to raise about 20k in startup costs for initial equipment and needs as well as the 100,000 we are short for our budget covering the first 2 years

YOUR OPPORTUNITY - We know that 120k is not a small number, but God has continually showed us that he is not a small God! If our vision has resonated with your heart, would you consider partnering with us?

WE ARE PRAYING FOR

{ 40 people @ 25 dollars a month: 36,000 yr. over 3 years
20 people @ 50 dollars a month: 36,000 yr. over 3 years
10 people @ 100 dollars a month: 36,000 yr. over 3 years
70 people contributing over 3 years gets us to 108,000!! }

GET INVOLVED.

PRAY

- For the glory of God to be revealed and released through Vintage Grace. God has a unique plan: To use the Church to display His manifold wisdom to a world hurting and desperate for hope.
- For the vision of Vintage Grace. We believe our vision—to encourage people to find their salvation and joy in Christ, through community and understanding His word—is unique, and we pray that it transforms the lives of believers and those who have yet to believe.
- For our core team (the 3-12-30). Pray for God’s movement in the hearts of those who He wants to join the Vintage Grace team. Pray that He leads us to them and them to us, for His glory and all of our good!
- For wisdom, patience, and strength for the staff and planning team.
- For protection from the attacks of Satan. For as much as we want to be part of the beautiful Bride of Christ (the Church), there is an enemy that seeks to attack and destroy that Bride and anyone who is a part of building her up.
- For balance (of ministry and marriage), unity, and health for the Sodestroms and other members of our planting team.
- For the finances of Vintage Grace. We trust that God will provide exactly what we need, when we need it.

GIVE

- Consider giving a one time gift for startup costs
- Consider giving a monthly gift for a year or two year commitment
- Our goal is to be self sustaining by year 3

REFER / JOIN

- Do you know people who live in El Dorado Hills or near us? We are looking to connect with people who may be looking (whether they know it or not) for a joy-filled community of faith—let us know who they are so we can invite them to “vintage desserts” and “preview services”.
- Maybe you too should consider moving with us—it has been the ride of our lives, I’d hate for you to miss out on such an amazing adventure!

Current Strategic Partners

{ Richfield Community Church: Sending Church
Evangelical Free Church of America
Hessel Church
Stamps Foundation
EV Free Fullerton } }

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COMING SOON TO EL DORADO HILLS

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