

EXPERIENCE

JESUS PERSONALLY.

ADVANCE HIS

KINGDOM TOGETHER.

We are Advance Church. We are called to be a part of reaching the 500,000+ people in the Permian Basin.

We passionately believe: The Church is a movement to advance, not just an organization to maintain.

Jesus wants us to GO and take His good news message of life transformation and freedom to others. Not simply hope they will come to us to hear about Him.

Our mission is to help people experience Jesus personally and advance His Kingdom together for a lifetime.

- **We want people to advance in their love for and personal relationship with Jesus.**
- **We want people to advance in their compassion for the lost.**
- **We want people to advance in their vision of becoming disciple makers - transforming our neighborhoods, cities, and region.**

How will we accomplish our mission?

Our member partners will: Gather, Go, Grow. They will gather weekly in a Missional Community (MC) and monthly with all the MCs to celebrate what God is doing in the life of the church. Go is at the center of everything we do. Our paradigm is “go and make disciples” rather than “come and sit”. Last, they will grow through reading, obeying, and sharing the Word of God.

GATHER.GO.GROW



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Without wind, a sailboat cannot move. All a sailor can do is raise the sails. We believe the Holy Spirit is the wind that will advance this movement. These are the sails we will raise weekly in our Missional Communities:

FOCUS ON GOD'S WORD (Matthew 7:24-27) – God's revealed Word must be treasured, read, obeyed, memorized and shared. Every week, MCs will seek to do that by using a tool called Discovery Bible Study.

MULTIPLY EXTRAORDINARY PRAYER (Acts 4:23-31) – In the West, our prayer lives are often ordinary. A movement requires bold, expectant, persistent, Spirit-led and Scripture-fed prayer. Every week, MCs will pray together as a community. This can happen in person or virtually.

CAST MOVEMENT VISION (1 Thessalonians 1:2-10) – Jesus' plan isn't a business or marketing plan. It's a plan to transform the world through everyday ordinary people. Every week, MCs will remind each other the vision that God has given them to advance His Kingdom and prepare themselves to share it with others.

TRAIN BELIEVERS TO GO (Matthew 28:18-20) – Every MC will be able to train believers on disciple making strategies from the Bible that can be easily replicated. Trainings will be implemented by any MC members when necessary.

GO LIVE OUT YOUR FAITH (Matthew 10, Luke 10: 1-37) – Every week, MCs will share stories about living and working among the unchurched, uninspired, and unbelieving throughout the course of their previous week, as well as the spiritual conversations they had and intentional relationships they formed. The MC will also pursue a common mission together in the community to be determined by the group schedule. This may include reaching people in area parks, adopting a local apartment community and meeting their needs, partnering with a like-minded local non-profit, or serving a neighborhood school.

START NEW GROUPS (Mark 4:26-29) – Every week, MCs will talk about groups that have started consisting primarily of non-believers reading the Bible with a disciple maker and others in their social network. The hope is for those people to receive Jesus and join MCs or start new ones.

ONGOING COACHING (2 Timothy 2:2) – Every week, MCs will have a coaching element where one of the member-partners will share a tool for advancing personally and together. The hinge factor in a movement advancing is consistent and reproducible leadership development for all, that never ends. There will also be optional equipping workshops that emerge on a wide range of topics.



Every MC will have a leader and apprentice; however, the hope is that everyone in the community will be able to contribute by using their spiritual gifts.

Additionally, in order to reach a whole city and region, MCs must multiply. Multiplication is near to the heart of God. Only through multiplication did the early church advance into a movement that "turned the world upside down".

Every year, MCs will evaluate if it's time to multiply. Size is always a good indication that it's time, as well as maturing people who are ready to step out and advance His Kingdom.

The sent out leaders will start the new MC with a group of at least 6 people. We will have target dates, but they are just goals, ultimately our hope is that a culture of multiplication will be deeply rooted in the DNA of the MCs.