Intro: Amazing to see God’s activity around us

Esther – Next 2 weeks: God’s activity in/through Radiant Juneau

RCJ – 4 yrs old – Miss and I for 18 months

Much has changed over the last 18 months – largest time of growth

* 1 kids class > 4
* 3 GC’s > 5
* 12 in attendance > 60+

Not normal church - No vision statement or mission statement

Identity – everything we do is out of our identity – Changes when we meet Christ

2 Cor. 5:17 – In Christ, God is our Father and we are His family; Jesus is our Lord and we are his servants; the HS is our Guide and Sender and we are His missionaries

* So important: Who God is and what God has done determines who I am and How I live

Identity statement: We are a family of servant missionaries learning to be and make disciples

* Break down: We are missionaries who serve in order to learn to be and make disciples as a family…Discipleship – learner of Jesus – not just cognitive> life change

Live out our identity in 2 ways: Everything we do is geared towards these 2 things

1. Worshipers: Is 19:21 – Hebrew (hawa) – bow down. Jn 9:38 - Gk (proskyneo) –

* Ascribing glory and submission to God – often tied to service
* Music, generosity (money), serving…
* Not about you > God/Jesus
  + Not about your preference, style, songs, leaders > God
  + Who God is and what he’s done…
  + If God acted the way we do – I don’t want these people singing; they’re horrible
* “Worship is the appropriate response of a believing heart that adores God”
* Growth opportunity (sanctification/discipleship)

1. Discipleship: Every church talks discipleship – few do it well

Many churches: Classes – classes ≠ discipleship

* Knowledge ≠ better Xian or closer to Christ
* Problem w/most Xian is not that they don’t know enough about the Bible, it’s that they don’t do enough with what they know

Radiant Discipleship: Gospel Community – foundational blocks of what makes up Radiant

Purpose: learn to be and make disciples of each other & others

* Through service to each other > others

Identity: missionaries each other > others

GC: where we speak truth and life to each other in the context of relationships

* Combat sin: self-reliance, gossip…
* Not a Bible study – form in-depth relationships

Jesus started a GC Jn 1:35-39 – continued w/Jesus for next 3 yrs

* Same idea w/GC’s – not same house or 24/7, but normal life together
* Encourage, pray, confront…

As family – just like family things get messy – arguments

* People feel like moving on, leaders feel like giving up – good company
* Lk 9:46 – Jesus’ disciples argued and one gave up
* True discipleship involves messiness – combat sin/pride > grace

Repentance: GK – metanoew – a radical, moral turn of the whole person from sin to God

* Not “sorry” – admitting sin and asking for forgiveness
* Pride gets in the way
* Anna and Addy as example – also works for parents

Grace: GK – karis – the acceptance of, and goodness toward those who cannot earn or do not deserve such again

2 Cor. 5:17-21 – Jesus shows it to us:

* Some of you: withheld repentance or grace
* Offended > leave > not seeking reconciliation > not being a disciple

Messy – serious about being a disciple > part of a GC > committed to a GC > family

Family: our family has kids – lots – Kid’s church won’t disciple your kids

* Who is responsible to disciple your kids? Parent/grandparents/family – Deut. 6:4-8
* Not on your own – Just as we (church/elders) ask you to commit to discipleship, we commit to giving you the tools

Purpose of Kid’s church: Help you disciple your kids – supplement what you’re doing

Kid’s Church - strategic and intentional

1. Facilitate discussion w/your kids
2. Book/tool recommendations (implement)

Melissa (most important person here) is our kid’s church leader

End – Radiant is not typical or traditional church

* Unapologetic about that

What does it mean to be part of Radiant?

* Committed to Jesus > identity

Good news: 62 adults

All is possible because of what Jesus did for us.

Respond: Sing, communion, GC

Communion:

Bread: On the night when Jesus was betrayed, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said “This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

Juice: In the same way, he took the cup, saying “this cup is the new covenant of my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”