

# CHURCH PLANTING PROSPECTUS

KNOW. GROW. SHOW.



# STATISTICS

- Population within 1 mile: 467
- Population within 5 miles: 10,642
- Population within 10 miles: 50,982

Based on recent studies, over 35% of those living within 10 miles of downtown Harlem do not regularly attend church. This number is very alarming, and with the population growth projected for the city, the number of people in this group will undoubtedly increase.

Research has proven that new churches gain one-half to two-thirds of its members from those not regularly attending a worship service, whereas churches over ten years old gain eighty to ninety percent of their new members by transfer from other church bodies. For us, these numbers show that new churches tend to reach the unchurched at a much greater rate than existing churches. While established churches have their niche and certainly have a significant place in impacting their community, we believe that new churches are vital in reaching those far from God. It is with this purpose that we plan to launch Impact Community Church.

IMPACT  CHURCH

**WHAT DOES IT LOOK LIKE?**

# PURPOSE

- KNOW
- GROW
- SHOW

The Gospel of Jesus is real; and the truth remains: there are many in our very own community who have never experienced a genuine encounter with God. It is our desire to see a lost and dying generation be transformed by the love and power of Jesus. We want to help people know God, grow in His love, and show His love to the world. These three principles make up our purpose; it is why we exist. These three principles make up our discipleship process as well. We truly long to see people move through the process of knowing God's love, growing in His love, and showing His love to the world.

# STRATEGY

- **Worship Services**
- **Small Groups**
- **Outreach Teams**

**Worship Services** - Our Sunday worship experience will be designed for lost people to get to know the love of Jesus and for Christ followers to grow in their relationship with the Savior. We will utilize contemporary worship, engaging messages, and dynamic, practical kids services.

**Small groups** - Small groups will be focused on encouraging each other to become more like Christ. All of our groups will consist of a Biblical study while also building relationships with one another. These groups will truly help people do life together and support one another in taking next steps of faith.

**Outreach Teams** - It is our desire that as people move through the discipleship process, they will get to the point of reaching out to the community and beyond through servant evangelism. We will have outreach teams that meet and coordinate activities to go into the city, the surrounding areas, and the world to share the Gospel with the lost. Not only do these teams help show the love of God to others, it is also an avenue for continued spiritual growth for each team member.

# CORE VALUES

**Intimate worship** - We believe worship is demonstrated in multiple ways throughout the week, and we are convinced that intimate worship of an amazing God is commanded and beneficial to live life to the fullest.

**Multiply disciples** - Discipleship is simply following after Jesus with everything we have. Our passion is to help mold people into disciples who in turn help mold others into disciples. We aren't as interested in the addition of disciples as we are in how close each disciple walks in their relationship with Jesus.

**Practical teaching** - We believe it is much easier to follow Christ if the teachings of Scripture are applicable. It is imperative to study the truth of God, but it is even more important to understand it and know how to live it out in our everyday lives.

**Abundantly generous** - Because one of God's characteristics is to give generously, we feel compelled to do the same. It is our heart to always be mindful of the needs of others and to generously give of our time, money and skills when possible.

**Community minded** - We are passionate about about making a Kingdom difference in the community. It is our desire to create meaningful relationships that bring about genuine life change. Pointing people to Jesus and leading them in true discipleship is our ultimate aim.

**Theologically grounded** - Everything we do is grounded in the truth of God, which is found in His Word. We are serious about those truths, and we will always hold fast to its unquestionable and unchanging inspiration.

# BELIEFS

**THE SCRIPTURES** - The Holy Bible was written by men divinely inspired and is God's revelation of Himself to man. It is a perfect treasure of divine instruction. It has God for its author, salvation for its end, and truth, without any mixture of error, for its matter. Therefore, all Scripture is totally true and trustworthy. It reveals the principles by which God judges us, and therefore is, and will remain to the end of the world the true center of Christian union, and the supreme standard by which all human conduct, creeds, and religious opinions should be tried.

**GOD** - There is one and only one living and true God. ...The eternal triune God reveals Himself to us as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, with distinct personal attributes, but without division of nature, essence, or being.

**GOD THE FATHER** - God as Father reigns with providential care over His universe, His creatures, and the flow of the stream of human history according to the purposes of His grace. ... God is Father in truth to those who become children of God through faith in Jesus Christ.

**GOD THE SON** - Christ is the eternal Son of God. In His incarnation as Jesus Christ, He was conceived of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. ...He honored the divine law by His personal obedience, and in His substitutionary death on the cross, He made provision for the redemption of men from sin.

**GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT** - The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of God, fully divine. ...He exalts Christ. He convicts men of sin, of righteousness and of judgment. ...He enlightens and empowers the believer and the church in worship, evangelism, and service.

**MAN** - Man is the special creation of God, in His own image. He created them male and female as the crowning work of His creation. ...By his free choice man sinned against God and brought sin into the human race. ... The sacredness of human personality is evident in that God created man in His own image, and in that Christ died for man; therefore every person of every race possesses dignity and is worthy of respect and Christian love.

**SALVATION** - Salvation involves the redemption of the whole man, and is offered freely to all who accept Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour, who by His own blood obtained eternal redemption for the believer. In its broadest sense salvation includes regeneration, justification, sanctification, and glorification. There is no salvation apart from personal faith in Jesus Christ as Lord.

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**GOD'S PURPOSE OF GRACE** - Election is the gracious purpose of God, according to which He regenerates, justifies, sanctifies, and glorifies sinners. It is consistent with the free agency of man, and comprehends all the means in connection with the end. It is the glorious display of God's sovereign goodness, and is infinitely wise, holy, and unchangeable. It excludes boasting and promotes humility. All true believers endure to the end. Those whom God has accepted in Christ, and sanctified by His Spirit, will never fall away from the state of grace, but shall persevere to the end. Believers may fall into sin through neglect and temptation, whereby they grieve the Spirit, impair their graces and comforts, and bring reproach on the cause of Christ and temporal judgments on themselves; yet they shall be kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

**BAPTISM & THE LORD'S SUPPER** - Christian baptism is the immersion of a believer in water in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. It is an act of obedience symbolizing the believer's faith in a crucified, buried, and risen Saviour, the believer's death to sin, the burial of the old life, and the resurrection to walk in newness of life in Christ Jesus. It is a testimony to his faith in the final resurrection of the dead. Being a church ordinance, it is prerequisite to the privileges of church membership and to the Lord's Supper. The Lord's Supper is a symbolic act of obedience whereby members of the church, through partaking of the bread and the fruit of the vine, memorialize the death of the Redeemer and anticipate His second coming.

**STEWARDSHIP** - God is the source of all blessings, temporal and spiritual; all that we have and are we owe to Him. Christians have a spiritual debtorship to the whole world, a holy trusteeship in the gospel, and a binding stewardship in their possessions. They are therefore under obligation to serve Him with their time, talents, and material possessions.

**THE FAMILY** - Marriage is the uniting of one man and one woman in covenant commitment for a lifetime. It is God's unique gift to reveal the union between Christ and His church and to provide for the man and the woman in marriage the framework for intimate companionship, the channel of sexual expression according to biblical standards, and the means for procreation of the human race.

**LAST THINGS** - God, in His own time and in His own way, will bring the world to its appropriate end. ...Jesus Christ will return personally and visibly...the dead will be raised; and Christ will judge all men in righteousness. The unrighteous will be consigned to Hell. ...The righteous... will receive their reward and will dwell forever in Heaven with the Lord.



# PARTNERS

- **Launch Team**
- **Prayer Groups**

## **Launch Team**

The launch team is a vital part of launching Impact Church. This team will consist of people from all walks of life who are sold out to the vision of a new mission in Harlem and who dedicate themselves to being apart of that mission. The launch team will help strategize, market, and begin the church. Through gatherings, the people on this team will work diligently to bring Impact Church from planning to preparation to launch. Some of the launch team will stay on board after the launch and be a huge part of the church moving forward, while others will see their work being complete as soon as we are off and running.

## **Prayer Groups**

We believe in prayer, and it is our desire to have multiple groups commit to praying for us as we continue on this journey. These groups will have designated topics for prayer, but they certainly aren't limited to only praying for those things. These groups will be comprised of Christ followers from all over who support the purpose of Impact Church and who really desire to bring our burdens and Kingdom mission before God.

# PARTNERS

- **Financial Support**

- 2 year commitment
- Several tiers
- Support doesn't have to fill a certain spot - any amount is appreciated at any time

## Financial Support

Along with joining the launch team or joining us in prayer, there is also an opportunity to support us financially. We have determined what it is going to take us to operate for the first two years. Along with the financial support of our team, we are asking for outside support of \$82,500/year for 2 years. The table below shows the various tiers we have set up, each at 2 year commitments. However, any gift is appreciated, no matter the amount or frequency. Along with furthering the Gospel, all donations are tax deductible due to our 501(c)(3) status.

Type of Contributors	Number of Contributors	Amount	Total
Individuals	25	\$ 25	\$ 625
Individuals	15	\$ 50	\$ 750
Individuals, Churches, Businesses	10	\$ 100	\$ 1,000
Individuals, Churches, Businesses	10	\$ 200	\$ 2,000
Individuals, Churches, Businesses	5	\$ 300	\$ 1,500
Georgia Baptist Mission Board		\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>65</b>		<b>\$ 6,875</b>

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