

# DISCOVER Fellowship





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Grow  
Together



**We want to. . .**

- Hear your story
- Answer your questions
- Help you get connected



# **Where We Come From:** ***Our Story***





*Future Home of*  
**FELLOWSHIP**  
**BIBLE CHURCH**  
*Of*  
*Northwest Arkansas*  
**OFFICE 631-7373**









# **Fellowship Bible Church of NWA**

*Multi-congregational*

*Elder led*

*Staff managed*

*People driven*



**Our congregations share**  
*Common Resources*  
*One Doctrinal Statement*  
*Identical Core Values*





**Our Ultimate Objective:**  
*To glorify God*



## **Our Vision**

To change the heart and soul of  
Northwest Arkansas and the world

## **Our Mission**

To produce and release spiritual leaders who  
know and express the authentic Christ to  
Northwest Arkansas and the world





# Four Foundational Principles of Our Philosophy of Ministry

## 1. The Priesthood of Every Believer

*God has called every believer into ministry.*

### **1 Peter 2:9**

But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

### **2 Corinthians 5:20 NIV**

We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God.

### **Ephesians 4:11-12 NIV**

It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, <sup>12</sup> to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up...



# How Churches Grow



Pastor (*Priest*)





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Spiritual Leaders





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“You and these people who come to you will only wear yourselves out. The work is too heavy for you; you cannot handle it alone. <sup>19</sup> Listen now to me and I will give you some advice, and may God be with you. You must be the people’s representative before God and bring their disputes to him. <sup>20</sup> Teach them the decrees and laws, and show them the way to live and the duties they are to perform.”



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**Exodus 18:25** NIV

“He chose capable men from all Israel and made them leaders of the people, officials over thousands, hundreds, fifties, and tens.”





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Six functions the Lord calls the church to fulfill:

- **Exalting** (Worship) – Psalm 95:1-7
- **Evangelizing** (Outreach) – Acts 1:8
- **Establishing** (Discipleship) – Matthew 28:18-20
- **Equipping** (Training) – Ephesians 4:11-16
- **Encouraging** (Fellowship) – Hebrews 10:24-25
- **Empowering** (Service) – Mark 10:45





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FORM – the manner in which the function is accomplished.



**Function**

**Form**



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Static	
Unchanging	
Non-Negotiable	
Mission	



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Static	Flexible
Unchanging	Changeable
Non-Negotiable	Negotiable
Mission	Method





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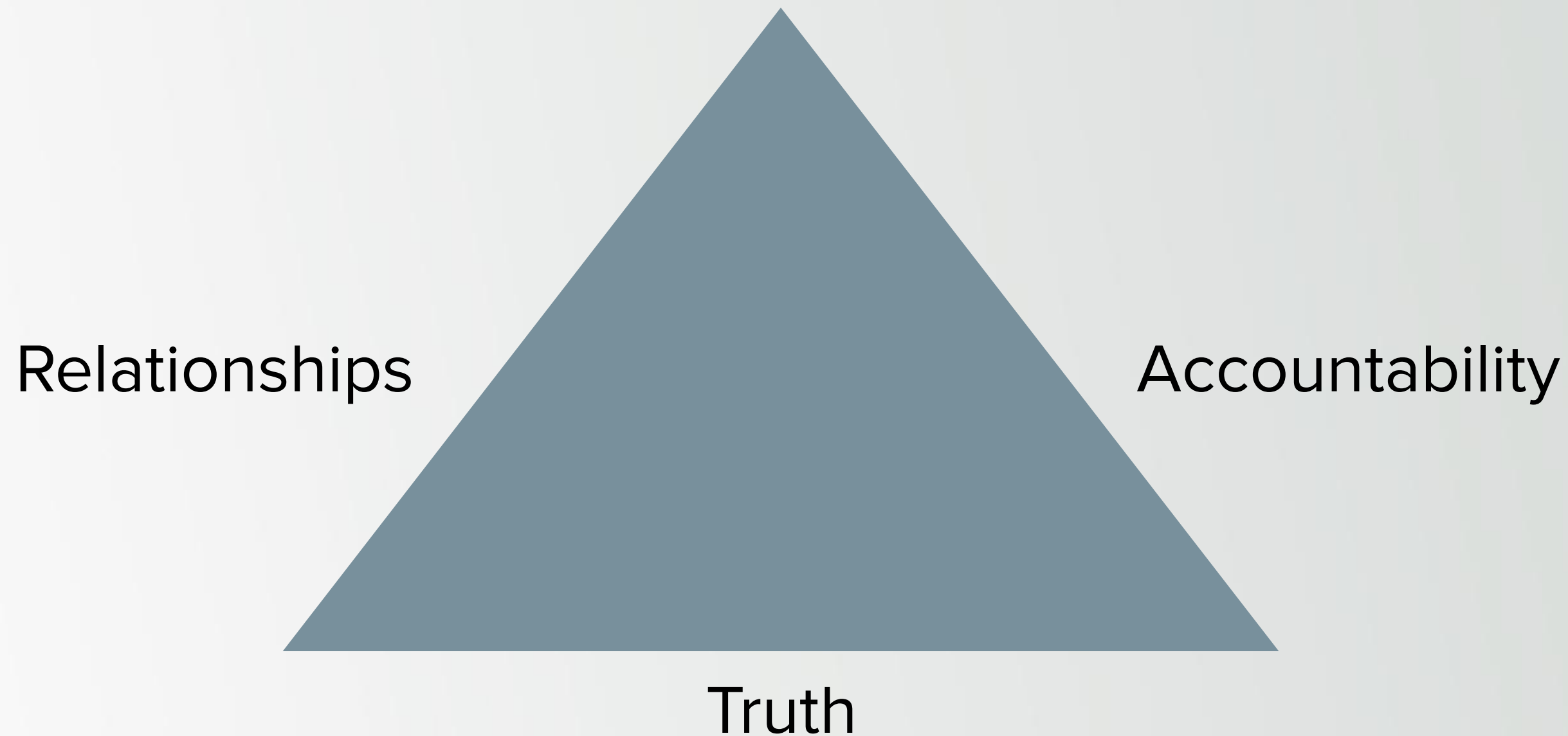
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Cult**



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Core values:

*Truth*

*Accountability*

*Relationships*

*Gospel*

*Generosity*

*Life-Change*

*Team*



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Send people to people



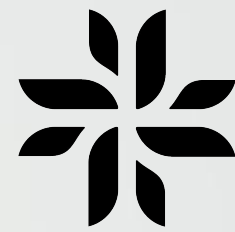


**In essentials unity, in non-essentials  
liberty, in all things charity.**

**John 13:35 NIV**

“By this everyone will know that you are  
my disciples, if you love one another.”





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**Fellowship**