

PARK HILL CHURCH

# Community Basics

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Welcome to Community Basics! Thank you for participating in this course to learn more about our vision for how to share life together and about how to join a Community at Park Hill.

We believe the Church is not another sub-culture, but the making of a new humanity. It's not a building or a weekend activity, but a people. We strive to live out the Gospel in our city throughout the week, then gather each weekend as a collection of Communities. We want to partner with God in his relentless pursuit to put the world to rights. Our prayer is as Jesus prayed, that God's will would be done in San Diego as it is in Heaven.

Park Hill Communities are the way we gather during the week around the table to be the people of Jesus in our neighborhoods. We are after the holistic transformation - ours and our city's - through life together with God and other people over time. This is how we practice the way of Jesus together in San Diego.

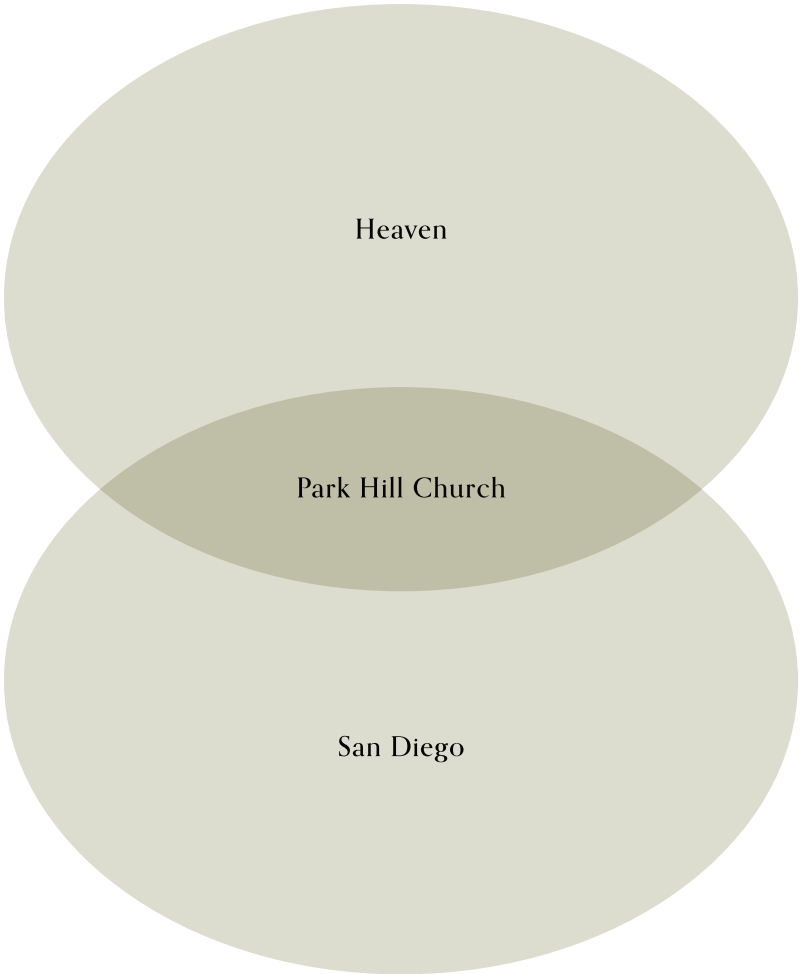
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# 01.

COMMUNITY VISION

# PARK HILL CHURCH VISION



**WHY**

In San Diego as it is in Heaven

**HOW**

Practicing the way of Jesus, together, in San Diego

**WHAT**

Be with Jesus. Become like Jesus. Do what Jesus did.

## LIFE WITH PARK HILL CHURCH

### PRACTICE THE WAY OF JESUS

We believe that to be an apprentice of Jesus of Nazareth is to order your life around three goals: be with Jesus, become like Jesus, and do what Jesus did.

### LIVE IN COMMUNITY

Throughout the week, we live in community where we eat, pray, and share life together. Park Hill Communities are where we practice the way of Jesus, together, in San Diego.

### GATHER ON SUNDAYS

We gather as a church around the bread and cup; to pray, learn the Scriptures, and worship together as the people of God.

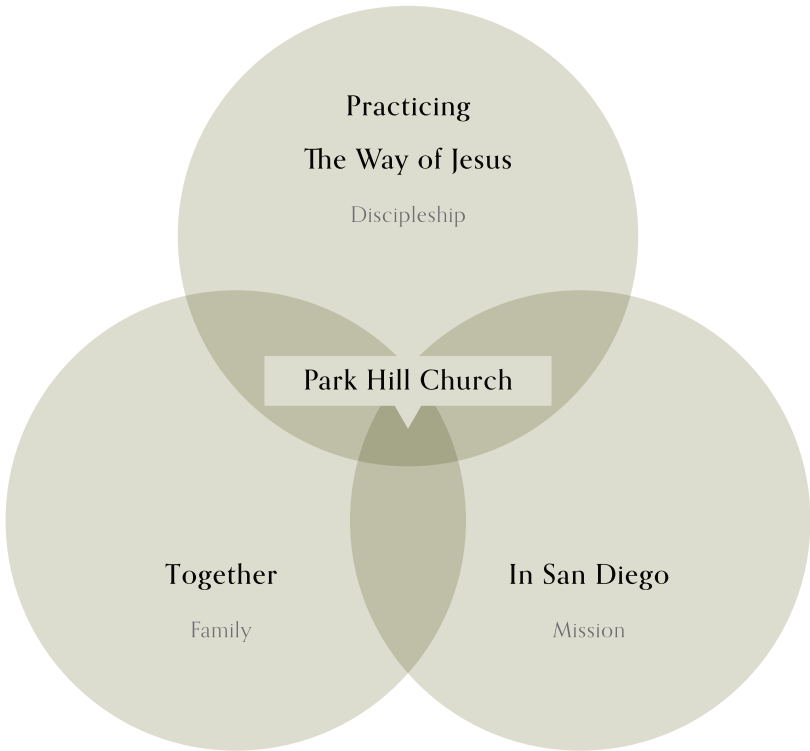
### SERVE

We serve by demonstrating self-sacrificial love to those both in and outside the church. It takes hundreds of servants to pull off the gatherings each weekend. We are a family, and like a family, we must all pitch in.

### GIVE

We give in order to partner with Jesus to serve our city. We dream of becoming a church marked by radical generosity. Ten percent of every dollar goes directly to supporting church planting and justice work both globally and locally.

## COMMUNITY VISION



### WHAT IS A PARK HILL COMMUNITY?

A Park Hill Community is a group of 10 - 15 people who are a part of Park Hill Church, live in the same part of San Diego, and commit to gathering weekly to eat, pray, and practice the way of Jesus together.



# COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP

## WHAT IS A COMMUNITY LEADER?

A Community Leader serves as frontline pastor of their Community, leading and empowering their Community in its discipleship to Jesus and giving oversight to the Community in partnership with their co-Leader and the Communities Team.



# 02.

COMMUNITY RHYTHMS

# RHYTHMS

## MODULE RHYTHMS

Fall - *8-10 Weeks*

Winter - *8-10 Weeks*

Spring - *8-10 Weeks*

## NIGHTLY RHYTHM

6:15 - 6:30 PM - *Arrive and set out food*

6:30 - 7:15 PM - *Dinner, & Conversation*

7:15 - 8:15 PM - *Discussion & Practices*

8:15 - 8:30 PM - *Pray*

## COMMUNITY COMMITMENTS

### ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IN YOUR OWN SPIRITUAL FORMATION

Working to regularly integrate and deepen the basic Practices of Jesus and life in the Holy Spirit: Bible reading, prayer, silence and solitude, sabbath, church gatherings, community, emotional health, and generosity

Integrating Park Hill's daily Prayer/BREAD rhythm into your life

### ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IN PARK HILL CHURCH

Regular attendance and involvement in the Sunday gatherings

Agreement to and engagement with historic biblical orthodoxy

Living under the authority of the Scriptures and the Park Hill Elders

### ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IN YOUR COMMUNITY

Regular Community attendance unless you're out of town, sick, or there is an unforeseen, unavoidable circumstance

Engagement in the three-part rhythm of Community life: discipleship, family, and mission

Being present with each other (e.g. no phones, engaging honestly in discussion, etc.)

Sharing responsibilities (e.g. food, clean up, personal needs that arise, praying together, etc.)

Phone call to the Community Leader at least 24 hours in advance for any absence

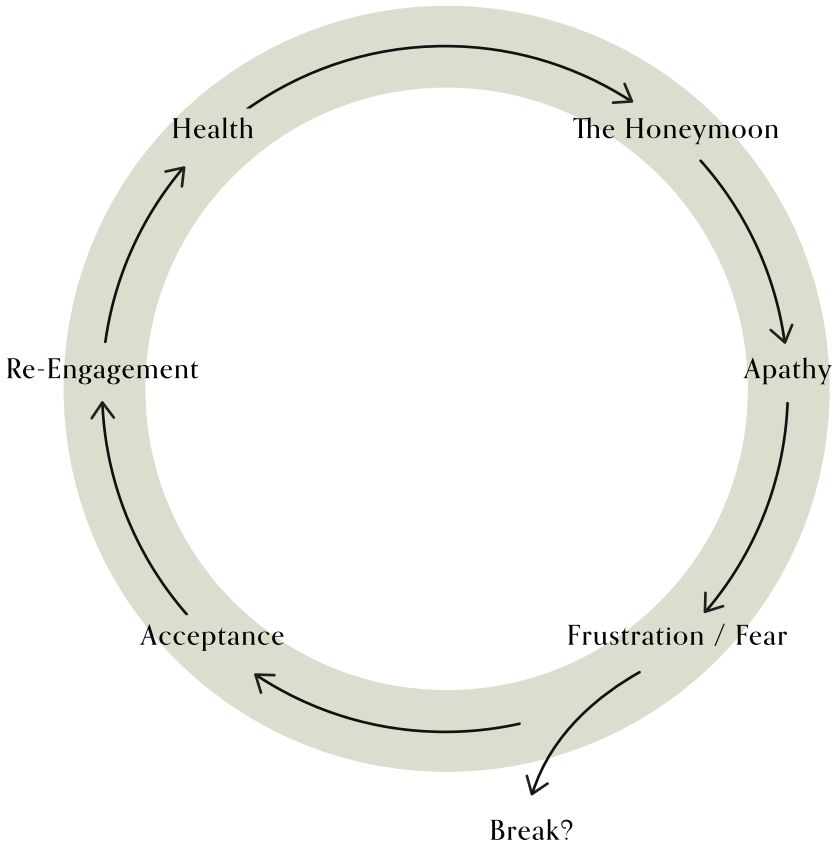
## COMMUNITY COMMITMENTS

### ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IN SAN DIEGO

Involvement in your Community's justice initiative

Praying for your part of San Diego (e.g. for salvation, restoration, etc.)

# SIX STAGE CYCLE OF COMMUNITY



## COORDINATORS & OTHER ROLES

Each Park Hill Community is encouraged to share responsibility, allowing everyone to operate out of their strengths and passions while remaining emotionally healthy by not carrying too much responsibility.

### COMMUNICATION COORDINATOR

The Communication Coordinator works in partnership with the Community Leaders to keep the Community communication organized. This looks like maintaining a calendar and managing any necessary group communication for the weekly gathering and other activities.

### FOOD & HOSPITALITY COORDINATOR

The Hospitality Coordinator works in partnership with the Community Leaders to plan out where the Community will gather and what they will eat each week, and who is bringing what for the meal together

### JUSTICE COORDINATOR

The Justice Coordinator works in partnership with the Community Leaders to plan, organize, and facilitate the Community's monthly justice initiatives.



## COORDINATORS & OTHER ROLES

### OTHER ROLES

These could include anything like making sure everyone's birthday is celebrated, helping plan a Community trip, planning activities besides the night you meet, planning holiday-themed parties, leading worship, reminding everyone about prayer requests, or anything else you may want to contribute.



# 03.

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DOCTRINES AND ETHICS

IN ESSENTIALS, UNITY:  
IN NON-ESSENTIALS, LIBERTY;  
IN ALL THINGS, CHARITY.

For 1000s of years, the global Christian church has shared language for essential doctrines and terms (such as “God”, “believe”, “Jesus”, “gospel”, “hell”, or “salvation”).

However, a recent change has taken place in the West: The historically agreed-upon “Christian essentials” are not the same for people anymore. Now, we must ask and hear what each person or church considers “essentials” or “non-essentials.”

#### **HOW DO WE KNOW THE HISTORICAL ESSENTIALS?**

To determine what are the essential and non-essential beliefs of the Christian faith:


- We can look at the whole of the Bible

- We can look at the historical teachings of the Church

## THE GOSPEL IS ESSENTIAL FOR SALVATION

We believe that we are in need of God's mercy and that Jesus, the perfect God-Man, died on the cross for all we have done against God's guidance (sin) and that Jesus rose from the dead.

The simple gospel message is all one needs to know for salvation. But we then grow more in knowledge of further teachings and truths of scripture – which we then choose to believe as we learn of them.



The Gospel:  
Essential for Salvation

ROMANS 3:23, 5:8, 5:10, 6:23, 10:9  
JOHN 1:12; EPHESIANS 2:8-9; 1 CORINTHIANS 15:3-4

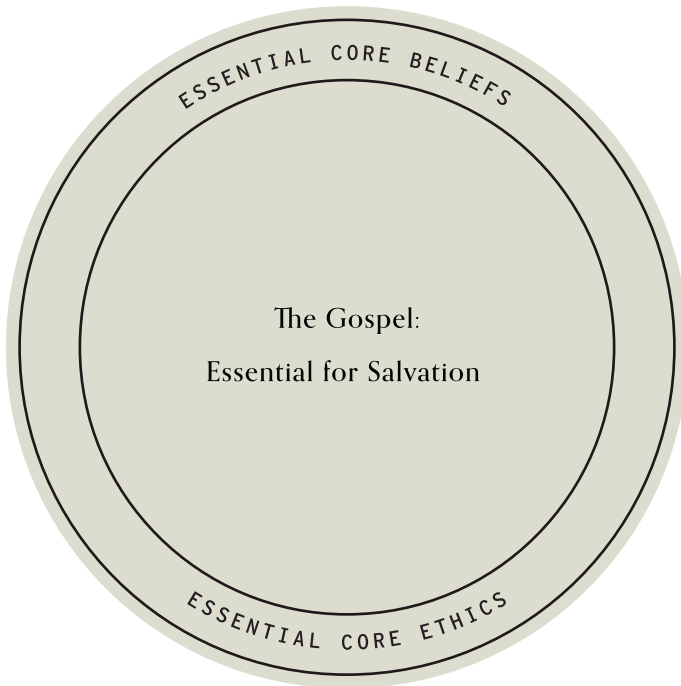
## ESSENTIAL CORE BELIEFS

- God is Creator • God is triune (Father, Son, & Spirit)
- The virgin birth of the 2nd Person of the Trinity as the God-Man Jesus • Jesus died for our sins • Jesus bodily rose from the grave
- Jesus is the only way to God • Jesus will physically return
- The scriptures are 100% inspired and trustworthy
- The Church is the Body of Christ • Belief in a Future Judgment & Eternal Heaven • Belief in the unseen/spiritual realm (Ephesians 6)



## ESSENTIAL CORE ETHICS

• Love your neighbor as yourself • With the Spirit's help we live out fruits of the Spirit (love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control) • Honoring the covenant marriage as described by Jesus (Matthew 19) • Obey the Sermon on the Mount and all of Jesus' teachings • All human life matters to God from "womb to tomb." Every human being is made in God's image, no matter age, race, sexual orientation, gender, or beliefs. Jesus invites all, equally to submit our identities to Him and receive the new ultimate identity of "loved child of God".





## IMPORTANT BUT NOT ESSENTIAL

- Ways of practicing baptism & communion • End times viewpoints
- Creation viewpoints • Spiritual gifts viewpoints • Calvinism vs Arminianism (views of free will in salvation) • Heaven & hell descriptions
- Women in ministry viewpoints • Different forms of local church (house church, megachurch, etc.) • Differing interpretations on books like Jonah • Bible translations



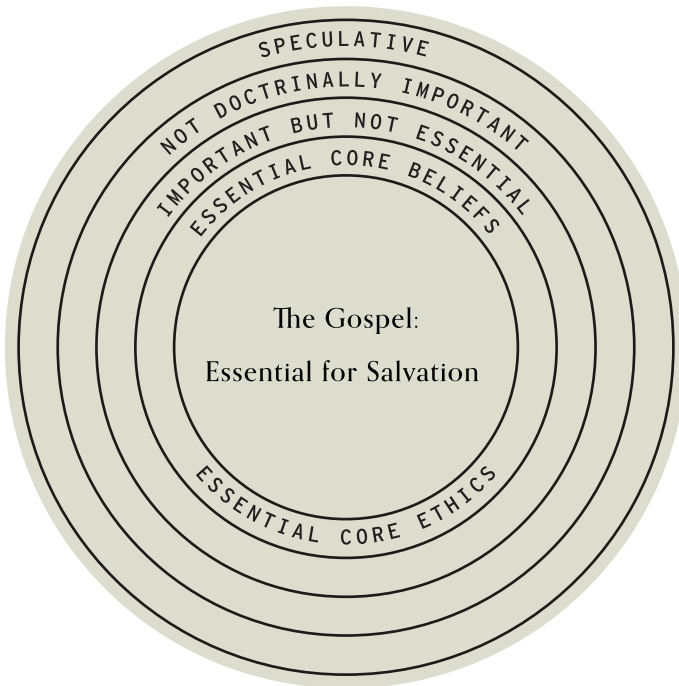
## NOT DOCTRINALLY IMPORTANT

- Styles of worship music (lyrics are always important, styles may vary)
- Formal & informal dress code in churches
- Order of a church gathering
- Obscure non-doctrinal Bible passage opinions



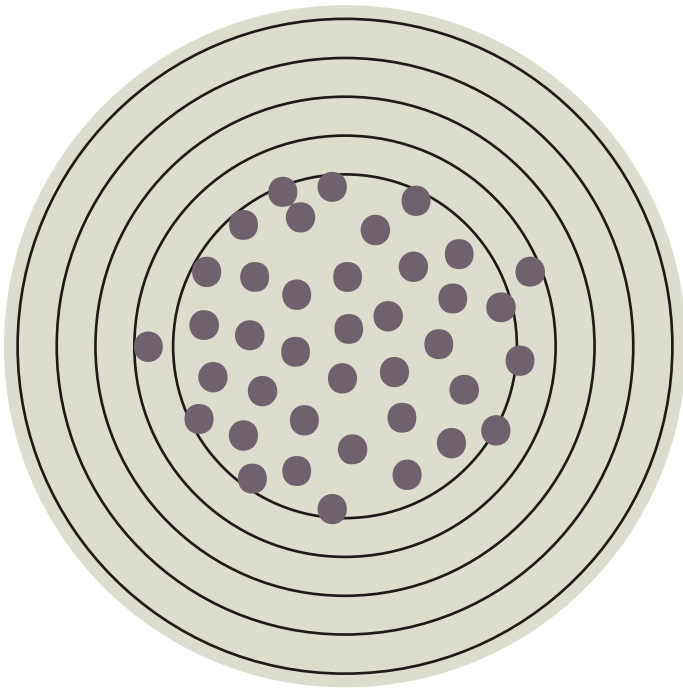
## SPECULATIVE

- Did Adam have a bellybutton?
- Actual date of Christmas (Jesus' birth) • Do pets go to heaven?
- Would God need to redeem extra terrestrials?



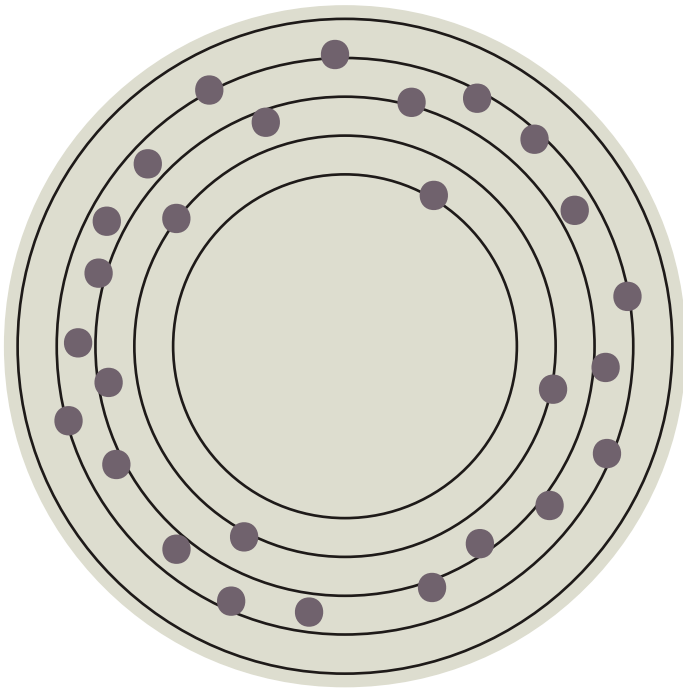
## FUNDAMENTALIST

Everyone needs to have the same beliefs (and often methods of church) or they are seen as woke and not taking the Scriptures seriously.



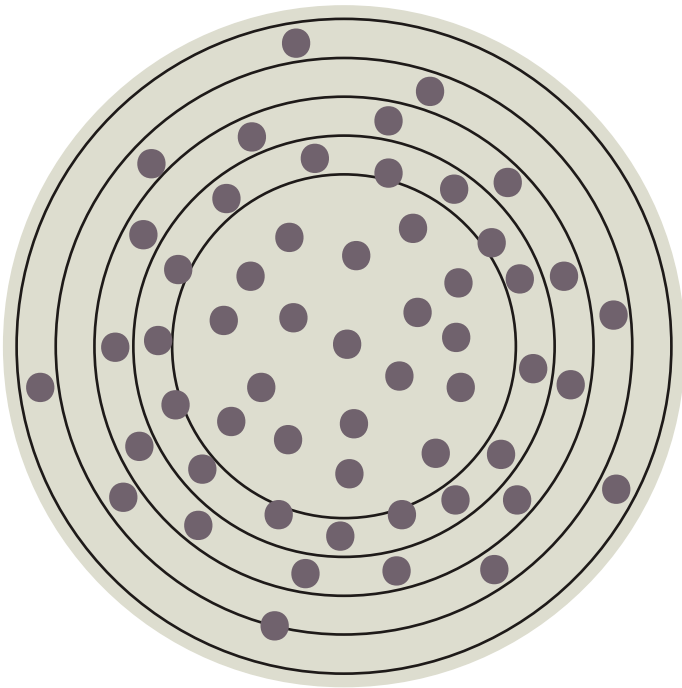
## H Y P E R   P R O G R E S S I V E   -   L I B E R A L I S M

Core essential beliefs of historic Christianity aren't essential. Since the Bible isn't seen as truly inspired, some doctrines and ethics can become subjective. Usually more than one path leads to God, all are saved, and the atonement of Jesus isn't necessary.



## HISTORICAL

There are very important core and essential beliefs that the Church has believed throughout history. The focus is on these beliefs, with an openness to differences of opinion on secondary issues.



CULTURAL  
ACCOMMODATION

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TRANSFORMATION

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CONDEMNATION

Progressives

Identity TBD

Evangelicals

2010s

Modernists

Evangelicals

Fundamentalists

2050s

