

SEISMIC SHIFT

“ ... With them were 250 Israelite men, well-known community leaders who had been appointed members of the council. They came as a group to oppose Moses and Aaron and said to them, ‘You have gone too far! Why then do you set yourselves above the Lord’s assembly?’ ”

Numbers 16:2,3 (NIV)

“ ... the ground under them split apart and the earth opened its mouth and swallowed them,”

Numbers 16:31,32 (NIV)

1. SHIFT YOUR METHODS NOT THE MESSAGE

“ ... They are foundational words, words to build a life on. If you work these words into your life, you are like a smart carpenter who built his house on solid rock. Rain poured down, the river flooded, a tornado hit -- but nothing moved that house. It was fixed to the rock.”

Matthew 7:24,25 (Msg)

The problem hasn't changed: sin
The solution hasn't changed: the Savior

WOODLANDS CHURCH PURPOSE STATEMENT:

“To help people experience Christ instead of man’s creation of religion so they can grow strong in Christ and take the “Christ Experience” to the world.”

Be willing to change everything except God’s Word and your purpose.

- The Power of One Idea
- The Power of a Personal Touch
- The Power of Prayer

2. SHIFT YOUR MEMBERS FROM SELF-SERVICE TO FULL-SERVICE

- Cast the “Christ Experience” vision

“Where there is no vision, the people perish:”
Proverbs 29:18 (KJV)

- Challenge people to commit to the vision
- Celebrate the vision

3. SHIFT YOUR MIND SET FROM ORDINARY TO EXTRAORDINARY

“ ... if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there’ and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you.”
Matthew 17:20 (NIV)

It's not the amount of faith, but the object of your faith that matters.

Our Cultural Values:

Isaiah 58:9-12 (NIV)

⁹ *Then you will call, and the LORD will answer; you will cry for help, and He will say: Here am I. If you do away with the yoke of oppression, with the pointing finger and malicious talk,*

¹⁰ *and if you spend yourselves in behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed, then your light will rise in the darkness, and your night will become like the noonday.*

¹¹ *The LORD will guide you always; He will satisfy your needs in a sun-scorched land and will strengthen your frame. You will be like a well-watered garden, like a spring whose waters never fail.*

¹² *Your people will rebuild the ancient ruins and will raise up the age-old foundations; you will be called Repairer of Broken Walls, Restorer of Streets with Dwellings."*

1. Elevate Prayer

"Then you will call, and the LORD will answer; you will cry for help, and He will say: Here am I..."

2. Unleash Creativity

"If you do away with the yoke of oppression..."

- Imagination
- Innovation
- The fun factor – we appreciate humor

3. Take Responsibility

"(and) the pointing finger..."

4. Remove Negativity

"and malicious talk..."

- Flexible
- Teachable

5. Invest Completely

"and if you spend yourselves in behalf of the hungry."

6. Mentor Constantly

"and satisfy the needs of the oppressed."