



Faithwalking Purpose Statement

This Is What We Do

Faithwalking is a spiritual formation process where people are increasingly following the way of Jesus, experiencing ongoing transformation, and developing effective practices for missional living:

- serving the poor, the marginalized, and those in need
- working for the common good, and
- restoring individuals, social systems, and communities and nations to God's design.

Faithwalking Core Ideology

Why We Do What We Do

Because we believe that . . .

- Good News restores people to full humanity.
- Inner healing and growing in emotional maturity are keys to transformation.
- Fully human individuals join God with others on God's mission in the world.
- A safe and supportive community is crucial to risk learning radical obedience.
- Transformation is fostered by continuous engagement with the prophetic voice of Jesus who calls us to living counter-cultural values in the systems and structures of the culture.

. . . we are committed to Faithwalking, a movement of personal transformation that empowers people to join God's mission in the world, impacting every dimension of life.

Our End Game

Where we are going

Our end goal is that Faithwalkers will live missionally in community.

- The beginning place is a commitment to missional living in every arena of life.
- Missional living requires continually confronting one's extreme individualism that stops you from collaboration, cooperation, and a commitment to community.
- Missional living leads to a missional community in specific contexts.
- Missional communities are like people. They grow to maturity over time. At different stages of development, different fruit will be produced.

- This is a life-long journey. There are powerful forces in our culture that stand as obstacles to living in missional community.
- Because it is a life-long journey, Faithwalking seeks to provide learning, support, accountability, and encouragement over a long period of time, beginning with our core curriculum and then with ongoing continuing education opportunities, community gatherings, etc.

Glossary of Terms

- **Movement** – we are not seeking to build a large organization. We are aligning our lives around principles that result in the expansion of the number of individuals who are experiencing personal transformation that leads to the transformation of communities.
- **Personal transformation** – deep, noticeable movement from a life of ease, convenience, and consumerism to a life that is spent in service on behalf of the common good. Emotional maturity is also a noticeable reflection of personal transformation.
- **God’s mission in the world** – God desires to partner with human beings in restoring and reconciling God’s creation to its intended design.
- **Every dimension of life** – economic, social, political, physical, psychological, ecological and spiritual.
- **Radical obedience** – a commitment to engaging God in an intimate relationship, learning to hear God’s voice, and then aligning your life around that listening.
- **Prophetic voice of Jesus** – the life and teaching of Jesus that calls us to serve the poor, the marginalized, and the oppressed stands in stark contrast to the voice and values of the culture.
- **Counter-cultural values** – justice, integrity, authenticity, hope, courage, generosity, service, contemplation, etc.
- **Wholly functional living** – living into the journey of personal transformation in every dimension of life results in more and more capacity to steward the common good.
- **Core Curriculum**
 - Accepting the Call to a Missional Life (FW 101, weekend retreat)
 - Being Equipped for the Missional Life (FW 201, 12 sessions, 24 weeks)
 - Mastering Missional Life Practices (FW 202, 13 sessions, 13 weeks)
 - Living the Missional Life – (FW 301, 10 sessions, 10 weeks)
 - Coaching for a missional team (401)