

This is Flatirons - Week 1

Jim Burgen

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Group Creed

We come together as a Group with the goal of Spiritual Formation--encouraging one another to become the same kind of person that Jesus is, so that we can live out every part of our lives inside of His Kingdom.

// Bible References

Luke 19:10; John 1:4; 1 John 1:9; James 5:16.

// Message Summary

As the opening message of 2022, this week's talk from Pastor Jim Burgen was an opportunity to take a look at who we are as a church, what we have been doing and where we would like to be going. Flatirons Community Church exists to bring the awesome life of Jesus to lost and broken people living in a lost and broken world. The "awesome life of Jesus" refers to living our lives with Jesus, forgiven of all our sins, and empowered by the Holy Spirit as we pursue what is right and best in His world. The "lost and broken" refers to our disconnection from God, our disillusionment with areas of our lives, and our general discouragement from living in a world that is clearly not operating how God intended.

In order to fully realize our mission, we are committed to pursuing three ends:

1. We want to create environments and opportunities, both in person and online, where more and more lost and broken people can bump into and experience the real, true Jesus.
2. We want to create opportunities for more and more new believers to accept Jesus as their Lord and Savior, be baptized for the forgiveness of sins and to receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.
3. We want to create more and more opportunities for followers of Jesus to experience ongoing, life-long Spiritual Formation (discipleship) as they grow into becoming more like the kind of person that Jesus is both in purpose and personality.

// Community Questions

1. What was the reason you first came to Flatirons? Share with the group.
2. What was the reason you came back a second, third and fourth time?

// Discussion Questions

1. As a group, read John 1:14. Share something that you find interesting from this passage.
2. Describe what it sounds like when someone is “full of truth”.
Describe what it looks like when someone is “full of grace”.
3. What does life look like when we have one (truth or grace), but not the other?
4. Read the three points of our mission from the summary. How could you, in whatever role you play in our church, help to make one of them become a reality in 2022?
5. We listened to the song, “Remembrance” (Hillsong Worship) with particular focus on the lines,

*You've been so, so good to me
You've been so, so good to me
Oh to think where I would be
If not for you, if not for you.*

How was God good to you in 2021?

// Challenge

Creating an environment where people can bump into, and experience, the real true Jesus takes more than just good worship and good preaching. It takes all of us to make our church a welcoming experience. When you come to church this week, be the one who makes others feel welcome: your “hello” might just be the reason someone comes back to church next week, and helps them continue their journey with the awesome life of Jesus.