

Mission-link is a missional network of “simple church” fellowships.

The starfish is an amazing creature. It appears to have several legs attached to a central body – kind of like a spider. Yet the two could not be more different. Chop the head off of a spider and it dies. Chop a leg off and the leg dies, while the rest of the spider hobbles on. The spider has essential and non-essential parts.

Chop the leg off of a starfish, though, and you will soon find that you now have two starfish! *The body of a starfish is completely integrated so that every part has the “essentials” to continue on with life. Its body is “decentralized” – every part having ownership of the DNA for the mission of life.*

Amazingly, the Church has been made by God in this same way. Jesus Christ is the “Head”, and yet *He lives within every cell* – every part of His Body, the Church. This makes every cell of the Church responsible for maintaining life, unlike the spider whose parts are completely dependent on the central brain and organs.

The starfish was made for multiplication – and so is the Church.

The network of Mission-link fellowships is committed to expanding God’s decentralized movement carrying Jesus’ “DNA” to wherever God leads. The fellowships may or may not meet in houses, but they share some definite “rhythms” that have been learned by following Jesus...

Rhythms of “Followership”:

1. **FOLLOWERSHIP.** To become a living member of the Church, we have to start with a rhythm of hearing and following the Spirit of God (John 6:44-45) Romans 8:14 “*For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are the sons of God.*” Each member of the living Body must own the process of learning to hear the prompting of the Spirit better, and his or her spiritual growth as a temple of God, in relationship with Him. (John 17:3)
2. **KINSHIP.** Living members of the Body of Christ also reflect a rhythm of Kinship: That is, covenant **honor** toward their family members. Our closest, life-long relationships are the first place our hearts are reflected back to us. They bring brokenness at times, and are the tools of God’s grace and growth. We protect space in our lives for these relationships.

3. **DISCIPLESHIP.** There is no way to describe someone who belongs to Jesus without the word “disciple”. To Jesus, these are not mere “subjects” or “students”, but He calls them His **friends**. (John 15) He spent **time** with them, and they were open books to one another. We don’t spiritualize this – we carve out a rhythm for this that we call “triads” – 2-4 of us who get together weekly for accountability and encouragement.



4. **FELLOWSHIP.** To better bring our faith “home”, we spend time in each other’s homes at least weekly - meeting together to share our strengths and gifts (*including teaching and other “Eph. 4:11 empowerments”*); We do meals together, and pray and minister to one another.



5. **APOSTLESHIP.** To be “apostled” is to be **sent**.. Jesus said the we would “receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon” us...and that we would be his **witnesses**. He goes with us, as does His mission – the evidence of the Spirit of God in our lives is that we will tell what we have seen the living Jesus Christ do in our lives. This is the first, and the final rhythm of being a Christ follower.

EVENTS:

PUBLIC WITNESS

- **The Jesus Meetings** 10:00am Sunday Mornings at @ 242 3rd Ave NW, Cambridge (House of Faith) *A “synagogue-style” public gathering with teaching and discussion on Jesus – open to the public*
- **Community Worship** 6:30pm on the **fifth Sunday night** in months that have on. Open worship and sharing of what people have seen Jesus Christ do. Come and meet Him, or just receive ministry. Takes place at the same location as above.

FELLOWSHIPS Acts 2:42 SIMPLE CHURCH GATHERINGS

- **The Journey** - Cambridge, MN - **Sundays** 5:30 – 8:00 p.m. - prayer, meal, teaching and fellowship –call 763-221-4760.
- **The Church Together** - St. Paul - **Sundays** - 10 am Study, Noon meal – Contact Matt: thechurchtogether@gmail.com
- **Threshing Floor** - Isanti, MN - **Sunday** 3:00 to 5:00 P.M.; meal, teaching and fellowship. Contact Jo Jo at 763-607-8713

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