



OASIS' GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Naturally, because we are a collection of diverse individuals, we all have slightly different ways with regard to how we go about serving Christ. Yet certain common principles unify our efforts and define our distinctives. We summarize these guiding principles by using the following 10 statements:

1: *We believe that anointed teaching is the catalyst for transformation in individuals' lives and in the church.*

This includes the concept of teaching for life change (Romans 12:7; 2 Timothy 3:16–17; James 1:22–25).

2: *We believe that lost people matter to God, and therefore, ought to matter to the church.*

This includes the concepts of relational evangelism and evangelism as a process (Matthew 18:14; Luke 5:30–32; Luke 15).

3: *We believe that the church should be culturally relevant while remaining doctrinally pure.*

This includes the concept of sensitively relating the gospel to our culture through our facility, printed materials, and use of the arts (1 Corinthians 9:19–23; 1 Timothy 4:16; Titus 2:1).

4: *We believe that Christ-followers should manifest authenticity and yearn for continuous growth.*

This includes the concepts of personal authenticity, character and wholeness (Ephesians 4:25–26, 32; Hebrews 12:1; Philippians 1:6).

5: *We believe that a church should operate as a unified community of servants with men and women stewarding their spiritual gifts.*

This includes the concepts of unity, servanthood, spiritual gifts and ministry callings (Psalm 133:1; Romans 12; 1 Corinthians 12 and 14; Ephesians 4).

6: *We believe that loving relationships should permeate every aspect of church life.*

This includes the concepts of love-driven ministry, ministry accomplished in teams, and relationship building (Nehemiah 3; Luke 10:1; John 13:34–35; 1 Corinthians 13).

7: *We believe that life-change happens best in small groups.*

This includes the concepts of discipleship, vulnerability, and accountability (Luke 6:12–13; Acts 2:44–47).

8: *We believe that excellence honors God and inspires people.*

This includes the concepts of evaluation, critical review, intensity, and excellence (Proverbs 27:17; Malachi 1:6–14; Colossians 3:17).

9: *We believe that churches should be led by men and women with leadership gifts.*

This includes the concepts of empowerment, servant leadership, strategic focus, and intentionality (Nehemiah 1–2; Acts 6:1–7; Romans 12:3–8).

10: *We believe that the pursuit of full devotion to Christ and His cause is normal for every believer.*

This includes the concepts of stewardship, servanthood, downward mobility, and the pursuit of Kingdom goals (1 Kings 11:4; 2 Corinthians 8:7; Philippians 2:1–11).