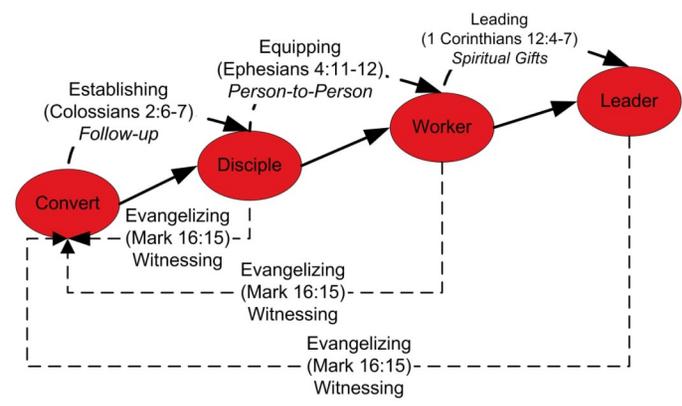




# Mount Calvary Baptist Church RED Growth Process

Building God's Kingdom Daily Through  
*Relationships, Evangelism, and Discipleship*  
(Matthew 16:18)



MT. CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH

# RED

Relationships • Evangelism • Discipleship

◆ Educational and training courses will be available for the above process ◆

## RED Overview

RED is a vision given by God to Pastor F. R. Kelly, Sr. for the Mount Calvary Baptist Church. RED is an acronym that stands for *Relationships, Evangelism, and Discipleship*. The goal is threefold: 1) to improve our relationships with God, family, friends, the church, and others through Christian love; 2) to evangelize, or lead many souls to Christ by the way we conduct ourselves as ambassadors for Christ; and 3) to become students and doers of the Word of God.

### KJV Scripture References:

**Mark 16:15:** "And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature."

**Colossians 2:6-7:** "As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him: Rooted and built up in Him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving."

**Ephesians 4:11-12:** "And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ."

**1 Corinthians 12:4-7:** "Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. And there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord. And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all. But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal."

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# Relationships

Life can be viewed as a series of relationships. We have relationships with family, friends, believers, and nonbelievers. The quality of our lives can be measured by the quality of our relationships. What better quality of life to have than a relationship with God? God loves us and desires a personal relationship with us. Christianity is an intimate relationship with God the Father because of, and through the work of, Jesus Christ the Son. All believers should have such a relationship. An intimate relationship with God consists of dedicating quality time getting to know Him. John 17:3 states **“And this is life eternal, that they may know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent.”** Getting to know God involves daily fellowship, prayer, and bible study. It is God’s desire that we spend time with Him, to fellowship with Him, and to acknowledge Him in all our ways. Having an intimate relationship requires a dialog. Within a dialog, one person converses with, as well as, listens to the other. If we want to hear from God, we have to learn how to listen for His voice. As Jesus said **“My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me.”** (John 10:27) As we study the Word of God, we grow spiritually. With spiritual maturity, we learn how to love God, ourselves, and others with Christian love. We learn how to relate to various types of people, just like Jesus did in Matthew 11:19. Moreover, we will be better equipped to handle ourselves, as well as, how we react to those whom we have a relationship with. Many people believe that church membership is their salvation. However, it is the one-on-one, intimate relationship with Jesus Christ, our Savior, where salvation is received.

# Evangelism

*Evangelism* is winning or reviving of souls for the kingdom of God. It is done in obedience to *The Great Commission*, which is recorded in various books of the New Testament. The Gospel of Mark states **“And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.”** (Mark 16:15) This commission, given to us by our resurrected Savior, requires every believer to spread the good news or the gospel, as directed by God the Holy Spirit. The good news being **“For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have everlasting life.”** (John 3:16) From this passage, we see how God demonstrates *love*, which is one of the fruit of the Spirit. (Galatians 5:22) The most loving thing we, as believers, can do is present the gospel in hopes of bringing others to salvation. As Christians, we should always present ourselves as God’s earthly ambassadors. As Jesus is the light of the world (John 8:12), we, too, should be beacons. Consequently, nonbelievers will see this light in us and ask, “What must I do to be like you?” Winning or reviving souls for Christ is every Christian’s responsibility. We should happily go wherever God wants us to go and be prepared to share the Word of God whenever possible. We should speak the gospel clearly, fearlessly, and graciously and carry ourselves in a manner pleasing to God. We should be prepared to give our testimony about the wonderful works, grace, mercy, and love of God to anyone who asks. We should not be concerned about what anyone thinks about us. Our main concern should be pleasing God and bringing glory to His name, by evangelizing.

\* All scripture references are taken from the King James Version. \*

# Discipleship

*Discipleship* is a concept that was born when Jesus Christ hand selected His first followers. After the resurrection and before He ascended into heaven, Jesus Christ appeared one last time to His disciples. This is the moment that He delivered the famous calling for disciples, known as *The Great Commission*. (Matthew 28:18-20) The word *disciple* means “a learner; one who is teachable and disciplined.” A disciple is a student and the Holy Spirit is the primary teacher. A disciple is one who diligently studies the Word of God **“...to shew thyself approved unto God...”** (2 Timothy 2:15) A disciple is thoroughly equipped, by the Holy Spirit, for all good works. Furthermore, a disciple teaches what he knows to develop other disciples. Only committed Christians can become disciples. A disciple not only studies and hears the Word of God, but he is a *doer* of the Word of God. To truly love God, we have to obey His commandments with a pure heart (John 14:21). A disciple will forsake all to follow Jesus Christ. A disciple will become an open vessel to be used by God for His will and purpose. Discipleship is a life long, never ending process. It is a marathon race for life, where we hope to hear our heavenly Father say **“...Well done, thou good and faithful servant...”** (Matthew 25:21)

