



IRON CITY CHURCH

The Problem: There are approximately 2 million people living in the Pittsburgh metropolitan area. Of those 2 million, statistics indicate that over a million are unchurched. Specifically, in the North Hills area of Pittsburgh there are 150,000 people living within a 5-mile radius.

The Pittsburgh metro area is the 21st largest city in America and a few years ago the city was ranked the third most religious city in the U.S. However, less than 5% of the population identified themselves as “evangelical protestant.” As you can see, the need for dynamic, outreach-oriented Christian churches is alarming.

In our particular area, the numbers are even more startling. While there are a number of churches inside the 5-mile radius described above, most of them have reached a plateau or are declining. More disturbing still, statistics tell us that of the 150,000 people living in this area approximately 100,000 do not have a relationship with Christ.

In short, the problem is that “lostness” is an epidemic in our community.

The Solution: Jesus. More specifically, to plant a church in the North Hills that will reach out to those who are far from God; specifically three groups: lost, unchurched, and dechurched.

- Lost: Individuals who have not yet responded in faith to the gospel of Jesus Christ
- Unchurched: Individuals who may or may not know Christ, but have no relationship with a church at this time
- Dechurched: Individuals who may or may not know Christ, and at one time had some sort of relationship with church, but have been turned off, disillusioned, or alienated by that experience

This new church will seek to reach as many people as possible through: personal evangelism, community outreach, small groups that are authentic and challenging, worship gatherings that are dynamic and applicational to real-life, and additional church plants. Iron City Church’s ultimate aim is to make it hard to go to hell from the Pittsburgh metro area.

Something must be done because: Without Jesus, about 100,000 people in this community will die and spend eternity in hell.

Something must be done NOW because: People are dying every day.