

OUR BLESSINGS AND WOUNDS

October 9, 2016

Soma Tacoma has recently been prayerfully identifying the blessings and wounds of our church family's history, both of which have present ripple effect on our church.

On Sunday, October 9, 2016, our elders led our church family in a time of thanksgiving and repentance as we acknowledged these blessings and wounds. Informed by Daniel's prayer of corporate confession and repentance (Daniel 9), and inspired by Josiah's thorough dismantling of every idol in Israel (2 Chronicles 34), the elders prayed through every blessing and every wound (see the list below).

More details concerning these blessings and wounds are included in the audio recording of our Sunday gathering. Please listen to the recording of this important event in the history of our church family. Also, the Soma Tacoma elders would be glad to talk with anyone in our church family, or who has ever been a part of our church family, who has wounds that need to be healed. Our desire is to be at peace with everyone, and to pursue unity in the Body of Christ.

BLESSINGS

- Focus on the good news of Jesus in all of life
- Emphasis on Mission, mission in all of life, outward focus
- Plurality of elders under the leadership of Jesus, the Senior Pastor
- Focus on our Gospel IDs as the very thing that motivates us
- Willingness to change, do things that are outside the box, contextualize
- The Story/biblical theology
- Humble, transparent, authentic leadership
- Emphasis on disciple making and maturity as followers of Jesus
- Emphasis on living life as a family
- Using all of life as the environment for making disciples, rather than mainly programs.
- Valuing artistic expression, dialogue, and flexibility with the gathering
- Celebrating and eating together

WOUNDS

- Pride
- Methodolotry (worshipping a method)
- Rebellion Against the Governing Authorities
- Partiality, valuing competence over character in leaders
- Focusing externally too soon
- Under-valuing the gathering
- Lack of consistent training and support for Missional Communities and MC Leaders
- Too much change
- Lack of follow through
- Broken Culture of Serving
- Biblical Illiteracy
- Poor process of appointing elders and deacons
- Undervaluing children
- Undervaluing women
- Unhealthy Stewardship of Finances (poor budgeting and accounting practices)
- Poor sense of Family on a large scale
- Poor sense of Family on a small scale
- Broken Communication
- Emphasizing our freedom in Christ but not the need for wisdom in expressing our freedoms