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Pastoral Interview

Pastor Jimmy / Root Church NYC
Long Island City / Queens



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a) Name of the selected church visited

Jimmy Schauerte is the Lead Pastor of the Root Church NYC. Roots Church gathers every Sunday at 11 am at 31-10 47th St., Astoria, NY 11103 (on the corner of 47th Street and 31st Ave). The church is a block and a half away from the R & M Trains and has an on-site parking lot! There are flags and signs out front to inform and direct new visitors. Pastor Jimmy was born in New York and raised in California. He spent seven years on the foreign mission field, pastoring at a church and directing a Bible College in Spain before moving back to the States to Plant Roots Church. Jimmy adores his family, is passionate about Jesus, and has a heart for missions. He is also currently working on his master's degree from Western Seminary.

b) Church's vision & mission for the target urban context

The root church exists to invite one another into a growing relationship with Jesus. Root Church believes all human beings are born in sin by nature and choice. Alienated from God without defense or excuse and subject to God's righteous wrath, ***all humankind desperately needs the Savior*** (Genesis 3:1-6, Romans 3:10-19, Romans 1:18; 32).

Root church NYC believes that Salvation is found in Jesus Christ and Him alone (John 14:6, Acts 4:12). We believe that Jesus died for the sins of the world and that His gift of Salvation is offered to all humankind (1 John 2:2). We also believe that apart from God opening our blind eyes and loving us first, we would be lost and without hope (Ephesians 2:1-9; 1 John 4:19). Once our eyes have been opened to who God is and our great need for Him, humankind then has the responsibility to respond to the good news of Jesus (Joshua 24:15-24; Mark 4:20; John 3:11; John 12:48). ***Root church believes that Salvation is a gift to be received and cannot be earned.***

Placing your faith in Jesus Christ initiates spiritual new birth, a place in His family, purpose in this life, and residency with Him forever (John 1:12-13). The mission of winning souls being accomplished in the church is Pastor Jimmy's heart's desire,

At Root Church They believe that the Lord Jesus Christ is both fully God and fully Man (John 10:33), conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary (Isaiah 7:14, Matthew 1:23, Luke 1:34-35), and is sinlessly perfect (Hebrews 4:15; 7:26). As the spotless Lamb of God, His sacrificial death on the cross was both substitutionary and representative (1 Corinthians 15:3, Ephesians 1:7, Hebrews 2:9, 2 Corinthians 5:21). He rose bodily from the dead for our justification (John 11:25, 1 Corinthians 15:4) and ascended to The Father's right hand (Mark 16:19), where He now ministers as our Great High Priest. He will come again to receive his own unto Himself and to reign in power and glory for all eternity (Acts 1:11, Revelation 19:11-13, Revelation 19:14-16).

At Root Church they believe that the Holy Spirit is also fully God according to the Scriptures (Acts 5:3-4; 2 Corinthians 3:17). He convicts the world of sin, righteousness, and judgment. He draws the unredeemed to repentance and faith, and at salvation imparts new spiritual life to the believer, bringing that person into union with Christ and His bride, the church. The Holy Spirit sanctifies, seals, fills, guides, instructs, comforts, equips, empowers, permanently indwells at salvation, and bestows spiritual gifts to the believer for Christ-like living and service. (John 16:8; 13:15, Titus 3:5, Ephesians 1:22; 4:11-12, Romans 8:9-17; 12:4-8, 1 Corinthians 3:16; 12:4-5; 11-13; 19, Galatians 5:25, Hebrews 2:1-4, 2 Corinthians 12:12)

At Root Church they believe that the Bible to be the inspired, infallible, authoritative, and inerrant Word of God. (2 Timothy 3:15-17, 2 Peter 1:21)

At Root Church they believe as Christians, we are called to live on mission as a people sent by God into the world for the demonstration and proclamation of God's love as made evident in the Gospel of Jesus Christ (1 John 4:16-17). We believe that the corporate gathering together of Christians is not optional (Hebrews 10:25) but necessary for growth and spiritual health.

At Root Church they believe that God created Mankind – Male and Female – in His own image and likeness, free of sin, to glorify Himself and enjoy His fellowship. Tempted by Satan, man freely chose to disobey God, bringing sin, death and condemnation to all mankind. All human beings, therefore, are born in sin both by nature and by choice. Alienated from God without defense or excuse and subject to God's righteous wrath, all mankind is in desperate need of the Savior (Genesis 3:1-6, Romans 3:10-19, Romans 1:18; 32).

At Root Church they believe that salvation is found in Jesus Christ and Him alone (John 14:6, Acts 4:12). We believe that Jesus died for the sins of the world and that His free gift of salvation is offered to all mankind (1 John 2:2). We also believe that apart from God opening our blind eyes and loving us first, we would be lost and without hope (Ephesians 2:1-9; 1 John 4:19). Once our eyes have been opened to who God is and our great need for Him, mankind then has the responsibility to respond to the good news of Jesus (Joshua 24:15-24; Mark 4:20; John 3:11; John 12:48). Salvation is a gift to be received and cannot be earned. Placing your faith in Jesus Christ is an act of faith that initiates spiritual new birth, a place in His family, purpose in this life, and residency with Him forever (John 1:12-13).

c) Church's social analysis

It is a predominantly white and immigrant population from around the world. Astoria is a true example of a melting pot. Its population is mainly made up of Greeks, but it also influences other cultures. Traditional neighborhoods in the area include Dominican, Indian, Ecuadorian, Korean, Romanian, Chinese, Filipino, and Columbian immigrants. Astoria is Pastor Jimmy aims to reach out to people in the Community through various outreaches tailored to the need of the Community. Drug and alcohol use is moderate, and food insecurity and employment are some of the significant challenges.

d) Church's theological reflection and formation concerning its urban context

Love Justice, Walk, coming for our God. And. Mark 12:35 says to love your neighbor as yourself. Pastor Jimmy saying is about loving people and inviting the church to get involved in fulfilling the Great Commission Mandate. At Root Church, they believe that everybody is born into sin and needs redemption.

Furthermore, A holistic approach addresses all aspects of life, not just the spiritual aspect. Root Church uses a holistic approach.

In addition, Root Church believes that we are all born sinners and are expected to believe in God for Salvation.

e) Church's theological implementation approach and practice

Rooted in Jesus. Rooted in our Community. Root Church NYC partner with the New York of Urban Ministry to carry out most of their outreach in the Community. Outreaches occur via street meetings, soup kitchens, kid's programs, city shelters, and more. Stationed as a training & resource center at the New York School of Urban Ministry, the 74,000-square-foot facility is in the heart of Astoria, Queens, where NYSUM. Root Church tailors its outreach towards the young, and they are fully present on the saint john campus; Root church also works with the Calvary Bible Chapel Bible College in Florida. Every sophomore student is required to spend one semester in New York City with Root Church for an internship.

At Root church, it is essential to note that every child can remain in the sanctuary. We completely understand the hesitancy any parent may have in a new environment. However, all volunteers undergo a strict FBI background check to ensure children's safety and well-being. No volunteer can ever be alone with a child for any reason.

Student's personal reflections of the church's urban theology:

I found the experience enlightening and appreciated the opportunity to interview and visit the church if you want to be to make a difference. Being involved in the Community and congregation are essential in Urban ministry. So, until the church played that part, I do not think many things will change in the Community.

A leader is a person with God-given capacity and with God-given responsibility to influence a

a specific group of God's people toward God's purposes for the group. Jesus is our role model and from His teaching and model, we learn that there is no place in the kingdom of God for 'lone rangers.

Our alignment with the will of God through the vision will magnet like-minded leaders. Therefore, I believe, all Christian and spiritual leaders are potential team players, team builders that are committed to the discipline of working with and for a team and make themselves accountable to others in the team. In our congregation we must make room for corporate and individual growth, without neglecting personal tasks and goals, we give adequate attention to the vision and priority to the collective tasks and goals and invest in empowering others. I believe motivation and accountability are to be taken into consideration. Otherwise, Christian leaders become carnal, worldly, and selfish and cease to be Christian leaders.