

OUR VALUES

Values are beliefs that motivate people to act one way or another. They serve as a guide for human behaviour.

Listed below are ten of our values that essentially provide the railway tracks for us to achieve what we feel God has called us to as a church. We strive to be a community of people that are big in faith, Gospel-centred, Spirit-led, Word-based and passionate in prayer. We seek to be wild in worship, caring in community, warm and approachable and ever hungry for more of God

1. **Big in faith:** to be big in faith is a call to action and an absolutely essential ingredient to the life of a believer. As Romans 1:17 says, “the righteous shall live by faith” If what we are giving ourselves to and what we believe God is calling us to doesn’t involve faith, then is it really of God.

Romans 1:17 - *For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, “The righteous shall live by faith.”*

2. **Gospel Centred:** refers to the lens or filter through which we approach life. There are of course many filters that we might attempt to use, for instance religion, benevolence, family, human or especially self. But our conviction is that we must implicit interpret the gospel into all of life and insist that the gospel is the central filter that we filter all of life through.

Philippians 1:27-28 - *Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel, and not frightened in anything*

3. **Spirit-Led:** it was Jonathan Edwards that said that it was the task of every generation to discover the direction in which the Sovereign Redeemer is moving, and then move in that direction. All of Christ’s ministry was positioning his disciples to partner with the Holy Spirit (John 16:7-8) and to be led by Him (Romans 8:14). Being Spirit led is not only one of the great privileges of every believer, but also essential to living a full expression of the live God intends for us. As a church we want to recognize the temptation to live in our own strength and wisdom, and remain committed to humbling ourselves and being led by the Holy Spirit.

Romans 8:14 - *For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God.*

4. **Word-Based:** is a commitment to using scripture as the explicit plumb line of truth in our lives as a church. The difference between gospel centred and word based is in part the difference between implicit and explicit. The word of God is an explicit truth that often needs to be implicitly worked out into the broad spectrum of everyday life.

Acts 17:11 - *Now these Jews were more noble than those in Thessalonica; they received the word with all eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see if these things were so.*

5. **Passionate in Prayer:** in Matthew 6 Jesus makes the statement that when you pray. The implication of this statement is that prayer in the life of the believer is not a matter of if, but when. More than this, a proper revelation of prayer not only reveals the immense relational privilege of connecting with God through prayer, but also that prayer is the vehicle through which believers express their blood bought authority.

Luke 11:8 - *I tell you, though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of his impudence he will rise and give him whatever he needs.*

6. **Wild in Worship:** the word worship originates from a word that mean the equivalent to “worthship” because to worship God is to ascribe the proper worth to God, to magnify his worthiness and to approach and address God as He is worthy. Obviously, this is much broader than music and singing, but encompasses all of life. To be wild in worship is to adopt the radical approach of magnify God’s worthiness in all of life and as a lifestyle.

Romans 12:1 - *Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship.*

7. **Servant-Hearted:** is so counter intuitive in the secular world, where the model and expectation are to be served and esteemed. Jesus flips this on its head, by declaring that he came not be served but to serve. And through

the life of Christ and his model of leadership, we are presented with the mould we must adopt not just in leadership, but in marriages, families, friendships and contribution in the local church.

Matthews 20:28 - *the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.*

8. **Caring in community:** the way we care for each other, is not with a hired holy hand mentality, but with an understanding that it must be done in community. Community is so important to God, that not only does he exist in community, but also creates us into community with him and each other.

Acts 2:44-45 - *All the believers were together and had everything in common. They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need.*

9. **Warm & Approachable:** speaks of being humble and authentic as a community. As believers, just as Christ is the light of the world, so too we are meant to be a light into the world (John 9:5). We want to present ourselves in such a way that we stand out for the right reasons and draw others towards God and his church.

Philippians 2:14-15 - *Do all things without grumbling or disputing, that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world,*

10. **10.Hungry for more of God:** is a call to action, that implies in this life we are never fully satisfied. If at any point, we feel like we have arrived, we make the mistake of settling and being unavailable for the ongoing work of God's kingdom. We never want to stop or settle for anything less than God's leading and ongoing work.

Philippians 1:21 - *For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.*