

## Values Examples

### Example #1

**Worship and Prayer - we value the authentic, respectful, and thoughtful engagement of our individual and corporate relationships with God.**

Psalm 23:3-4 - Who may ascend the hill of the Lord? Who may stand in His holy place? He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to an idol or swear by what is false.

John 4:23 - Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for they are the kind of worshippers the Father seeks.

**Wise Management of Resources - we value the prayerful, careful, and faithful management of our resources from God.**

Psalm 24:1-2 - The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it, for he founded it upon the seas and established it upon the seas and established it upon the waters.

Ecclesiastes 9:13 - Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might, for in the grave, where you are going, there is neither working nor planning nor knowledge nor wisdom.

Matthew 25:1-30 - The Parable of the Ten Virgins and the Parable of the Talents.

**Biblical Community - we value encouraging, equipping, and empowering one another in the Church.**

I Thessalonians 5:11 - Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.

Ephesians 4:11-16 - It was He who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of men in their deceitful scheming. Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is, Christ. From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.

**Kingdom Mission - we value building the Kingdom of God by being and sharing the good news of Jesus Christ with friends and strangers, near and far.**

Matthew 28:19-20 and Acts 1:8 - refer to Our Mission above...

**Intentional Multiplicaton - we value individual and corporate growth by investing our lives in others.**

Matthew 28:19-20 - refer to Our Mission above...

**Authoritative Scripture - we value the Bible as final authority for teaching in what we believe and how we live.**

Hebrews 4:12 - For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates to dividing

soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.

II Timothy 3:26 - All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

**Unity - we value the strength of unity amid diversity as manifested in one church with many communities.**

John 17:20-23 - My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are: I in them and you in me. May they be brought to complete unity to let the world know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.

Ephesians 4:1-3 - As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.

**Foundation and Innovation - we value a strong heritage of faith which builds on the past while embracing the future.**

Hebrews 12:1-2 - Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

## **Example #2**

### **What We Value**

- Inspiring worship combined with relevant Biblical teaching
- Reaching out to people who are spiritually seeking
- Experiencing life change in authentic communities of small groups
- Using the spiritual gifts God has given us
- Sharing our resources to impact the entire world
- Offering our best efforts for the church in a spirit of prayer
- Permeating every activity with a growing spirit of excellence

## **Example #3**

### **Our Values**

People Matter to God  
Unity in Diversity  
Grace and Healing  
Relationships  
Stewardship

Biblical Truth  
Prayer  
Faith  
Holy Spirit  
Offering Our Best

Worship  
Discipleship  
Kingdom of God  
Equipping & Releasing

## Example #4

### Values:

#### **Christ-centered Worship**

- We honour God's word as our authoritative source of truth and direction.
- We believe prayer is the foundation of all we do.
- We share and experience God's awesome presence in corporate celebration and reflection.

#### **Caring Community**

- We share fellowship around our common life in Christ.
- We develop authentic loving relationships in which there is openness, safety and encouragement.
- We promote small groups as an effective means of building Christian life together.

#### **Intentional Discipleship**

- We develop and multiply passionate followers of Jesus, reflecting His character and priorities.
- We teach and encourage life-style stewardship.
- We cultivate a culture of individual and corporate life-long learning.

#### **Gift-oriented Service**

- We help believers discover their God-given design which includes Spiritual Gifts, natural talents and personal passions.
- We affirm that all believers are gifted and called to serve.
- We identify, train and empower servant leaders for the church and world.

#### **Relational Outreach**

- We embrace God's heart that all people come to Him.
- We pursue our local and global responsibility to share God's love and truth in word and action.
- We believe that the Good News is best demonstrated and communicated in authentic relationships and distinctive life-style.

#### **Godly Order**

- We develop organizational documents and processes that reflect Biblical truths and enable effective ministry.
- We manage human, material and financial resources with integrity and openness.

### Descriptors: