



- The church is not a place of worship, but the **people who worship** God together.
- A healthy church does the **right things** for the right reasons.

Why we do what we do:

- **Worship** – to express to God how much we **love him**.
- **Discipleship** – to help us **become** more like Jesus.
- **Fellowship** – to **love** each other more deeply.
- **Ministry** – to allow the Holy Spirit to use us to **meet people's needs**.
- **Evangelism** – to help people **discover** Jesus.

The actions of the church are defined by 3 things:

- The **standard** we choose to live by.

The **Bible** is our standard to live by.

Every part of Scripture is God-breathed and useful one way or another—showing us truth, exposing our rebellion, correcting our mistakes, training us to live God's way. 2 Timothy 3:16 (MSG)

- The **vision** we choose to live out.

A vision gives you a **purpose** to live out.

Where there is no vision, the people are uncontrolled; but he who keeps the law will be happy. Proverbs 29:18 (BBE)

- The **Values** we choose to live with.

All the believers devoted themselves to the **apostles' teaching**, and to **fellowship**, and to **sharing in meals** (including the Lord's Supper), and to **prayer**. Acts 2:42 (NLT)

And all the believers **met together in one place** and **shared everything** they had. They sold their property and possessions and **shared the money with those in need**. They **worshiped together** at the Temple each day, **met in homes for the Lord's Supper**, and **shared their meals with great joy and generosity**—all the while **praising God** and enjoying the goodwill of all the people. And each day the Lord added to their fellowship those who were being saved. Acts 2:44-47 (NLT)

Values give you **priorities** to live with.

If we don't understand why we do what we do:

- In time we will do something **different**.
- In time we will do what is **easy**.

Our vision: To creatively love and lead people in a growing relationship with Jesus.

Some of our values:

- We **care** about **people**.

When he saw the crowds, he felt sorry for them because they were hurting and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Matthew 9:36 (NCV)

- Lost **people** are our passion.

"For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost." Luke 19:10 (NIV)

- **Encountering** God changes lives.

"For where two or three gather together as my followers, I am there among them." Matthew 18:20 (NLT)

When we meet together it's an opportunity to:

- Feel **Loved** by others.

"This is how everyone will recognize that you are my disciples—when they see the love you have for each other." John 13:35 (MSG)

- Experience **God** for ourselves.

This is how we do it:

- We show up with our **heart** engaged.

"These people make a big show of saying the right thing, but their hearts aren't in it. Because they act like they're worshipping me but don't mean it..." Isaiah 29:13 (MSG)

- We show up ready to **love** people.

Let love be your highest goal!.. 1 Corinthians 14:1 (NLT)

- Show up **anticipating** an encounter with God.

...rejoice, you who worship the LORD. **Search for the LORD and for his strength; continually seek him.** Remember the wonders he has performed, his miracles, and the rulings he has given... Psalm 105:3-5 (NLT)



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Questions that can be used in Connection Groups:

These questions also work well for personal time with God.

- What scripture and/or point spoke most to you from the Talk on Sunday? Explain why?
- How important is it to you that the Quest is a healthy church? Since we individually make up the church, How do we personally engage in the health of the church?
- Is it important to you to know why we do what we do as a church?
- Talk about the three things that define our actions as a church.
- As you look through some of our values listed, do these reflect what you value? How do our values affect our behavior?
- Why is it important to show up to church with our heart engaged? What does that mean to you?
- Why is it important show up ready to love people? What happens if we're not intentional about loving others at church?
- What does it mean to you to show up anticipating an encounter with God?

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