

## OUR CORE VALUES

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love God - build the Church - reach the World

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- Introduction
- Books on the church generally fall into two categories: Richly Theological - Dominantly Practical
- BOTH kinds are vital and important
- There is another kind of teaching somewhere in the middle, which is intended to bridge the gap between the two
- This sermon series is intended to be something like that category of books

Why have Core Values when we have the Bible?

The potential usefulness of Core Values

1. To set the vision (or goals)
2. To design the plans
3. To evaluate the progress
4. To unify the people
5. To communicate the purpose
6. To prepare for replication

An Overview of our Core Values - the Big 3

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God - Church - World

love - build - reach

the heart, flowing into the action

An Overview of our Core Values - the Sub 6

love God

- By Pursuing God in the Word and Prayer
- By Worshipping God Corporately and Personally

build the Church

- By Making and Maturing Disciples of Christ
- By Equipping and Serving the Body of Christ

reach the World

- By Planting Churches Locally and Abroad
- By Serving Communities in Mercy and Justice

Can't there be problems with Core Values?

love God by pursuing God in the Word

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Luke 24:47 "And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself."

John 5:39-40 "You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that bear witness about me, yet you refuse to come to me that you may have life."

Titus 1:2-3 "...in hope of eternal life, which God, who never lies, promised before the ages began and at the proper time manifested in his word through the preaching with which I have been entrusted by the command of God our Savior."

The Word of God: Scriptures, Gospel, Jesus

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We are a people who are pursuing God by reading His Scriptures, believing His Gospel, and living in relationship with His Son.

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