

GROWING HEALTHY CHURCHES IN RELATIONSHIP FOR GOD'S MISSION

SEEK TO BE A MOVEMENT OF SPIRIT LED COMMUNITIES:

As those who have encountered the living Christ, to intentionally seek his will and purpose for our local churches and every expression of our shared life.

Quote from the video...

"with Christ at the centre – attentive to the Lord and obedient to His call"

Starting passages: Galatians 5:22-25, Ephesians 3:14-21, 2 Timothy 1:6-7

FEEL LIKE ONE TEAM:

Celebrating diversity; valuing, respecting and trusting each other as we work together in partnerships -- making sure everyone feels included and listened to.

Quote from the video...

as our forebears said, "To walk together and watch over each other"

Starter passages: 1 Corinthians 12:12-31, Romans 12:1-21, Colossians 3:12-17

EMBRACE ADVENTURE:

Being serious about discipleship, willing to take risks, pioneer and move out of the comfort zone of familiar ways of doing things.

Quote from the video...

We recognise we have a tendency to be cautious and sometimes play it safe. But we want to learn more about taking risks and having the humility to fail well. We want to pioneer and move beyond our comfort zones in order to engage with people who are spiritually hungry.

Quote from William Carey "Expect great things from God. Attempt great things for God."

Starter passages: Matthew 28:18-20, Ephesians 3:20-21, Philippians 4:4-13

INSPIRE OTHERS:

With a generosity of spirit, to energise and motivate people to be all that God created them to be.

Quote from the video...

Speaking well of each other, blessing one another and encouraging each other. That whenever anyone comes across a Baptist or a Baptist church they leave that encounter inspired to be what God created them to be.

Starter passages: Philippians 4:8-9, Ephesians 4:29-5:2, James 3:1-18, Colossians 3:16-17

SHARE A HUNGER FOR GOD'S COMING KINGDOM:

Nurturing a "holy discontent" that arises from our desire to give practical expression to our vision of God's purpose for creation -- confronting evil, injustice and hypocrisy and challenging worldly attitudes to power, wealth, status and security both within and beyond our Union.

Quote from the video...

In the way that we are and in the things that we do – challenging evil and injustice and the structures of wealth and power both within and beyond Baptists Together.

Starter passages: Matthew 6:9-10, Luke 4:18-19, Ezekiel 47:1-12

For the topic given to the group ask:

- In what ways are we healthy and doing well in this aspect?
- Is there anything unhealthy we should beware of?
Or anything God would challenge us on?
- What further steps could we take in this aspect of our life together?
- What other Bible passages come to mind on this topic?

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