



VISION AND VALUES

OUR VISION

Our Vision is to make a difference as a
Vibrant, growing church of friends who are:
Passionate about God, Committed to each other,
Excited by His call to go to our neighbourhoods and the nations,
Who desire to challenge and change our world.

We want to be a Gospel proclaiming & living community, existing for the benefit of those not yet part of us.

We are passionate about our city and will order our lives and our expression of church to make our Saviour and ourselves accessible to our city and the nations of the world. We will be a relevant voice into our culture, keeping the purity of the gospel, robed in a language that the un-churched, backslidden, and lost understand. Not taking ourselves too seriously but displaying the infectious life of God.

WE EXIST TO BE A *NEW TESTAMENT STYLE CHURCH, IDENTIFIED BY OUR:

Reality

Not putting on artificial airs and graces, nor hiding who we really are.

Strong Relationships

Where we grow to be good friends who know and care for each other in a meaningful way.

Relevance

In touch with those around us, providing answers to the real issues we each face every day.

Radical

Not just muddling along half-heartedly, but having purpose and destiny, responding quickly to God's word.

Reproducing

Seeing increasing numbers of people being met by God and becoming part of His family.

Releasing

Not controlling, but allowing and encouraging each one to be all that God has destined them to be.

OUR VALUES

Matt 6:21 "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

Values are who we are. They are our treasure, what we stand for and **why we exist**. Our values are born out of our convictions about how we should live according to God's Word - the Bible. Values are tied to our vision and determine how we accomplish that vision.

GRACE COV IS A CHURCH WHERE THERE IS:

Space

Where everyone is welcome.

Where diversity is celebrated.

Where our Family Values are appreciated & embraced.

Place

Where each one discovers their "fit" and makes their unique contribution gladly.

Where we grow through discipleship.

Where we become a family on mission.

Base

Where we raise, equip and release leaders.

Where we exist for the benefit of others, supporting and sharing resources.

Where we can multiply and springboard new Gospel ventures.

OUR VALUES INCLUDE:

- Radically Word based, with a whole Bible theology.
- The importance of both the Wine: the life & move of God and the Wineskin: the biblical pattern for local church and trans-local ministry.
- Being naturally supernatural and supernaturally natural.
- Kingdom values placed higher than the values of a particular culture or movement.
- Loving each other and accepting each others differences.
- Being transparent and real.
- Living life with honesty, purity, and integrity.
- Being financially free.
- Serving our community with creativity and excellence.
- Sorting out relational issues and not walking away from each other.
- The reality of Apostolic ministry, co-operation and covering.
- Resourcing Apostolic ministry.
- No generation gap – maturity and anointing have more bearing on leadership than age does.
- Going beyond the third generation.
- Team - no "one man" shows.
- Training, equipping and releasing leaders as a priority and not as a special event.
- Each one owning the call to go to and disciple the nations.

- Priesthood of all believers - participation by all.
- Maturity – each member growing in Christ and being able to minister to others.
- Every believer evangelism – as a lifestyle and not an event. Seeing those in your sphere of influence as your mission field.