

What kind of church is Byron Community Church?



# The Core Values Series

What kind of 'church'...

Does it really matter?

# Valuing Core Values

## What are Core Values?

- Related to but not a doctrinal/statement of faith
- Vision = What are we going to do?
- Values = Why do we do what we do? (values drive the ministry)
- “A church’s core values are its constant, passionate, sacred core beliefs that drive its ministry.” Aubrey Malphurs
- “The shared convictions that guide the actions and reveal the strengths of the church...they express our most deeply held ideals...this is what we are about/what we stand for what is most important to the church.”  
(Missional Motivations)

# Why do Core Values Matter?

- “You won’t do ministry that matters until you define what what matters.” (AM)
- Values determine ministry distinctions, dictate personal involvement, communicate what is important, enhance change, influence behaviour, inspire people to action, enhance credible leadership, shape ministry character, affect strategic planning, define good decisions, focus energy, allows for uniqueness.

# Church Values... Examples

## Acts 2:42-47

### The Fellowship of the Believers

<sup>42</sup> They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. <sup>43</sup> Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. <sup>44</sup> All the believers were together and had everything in common. <sup>45</sup> They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. <sup>46</sup> Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, <sup>47</sup> praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.



# The Jerusalem Church      Jerusalem, Israel

1. We value expository preaching(v.42-43).
2. We value fellowship (v. 42).
3. We value prayer (v. 47).
4. We value Biblical community (v. 44-46).
5. We value praise and worship (v. 47).
6. We value evangelism (v. 47).

# Byron Community Church

## London, Ontario

1. We value inspiring, authentic, and meaningful worship.
2. We value life-changing, motivating, clear teaching based on the Word of God.
3. We value personal and collective outreach.
4. We value purposeful prayer.
5. We value a caring, encouraging, unifying community.
6. We value training that facilitates personal spiritual growth.
7. We value joyful, compassionate sacrificial service.



# Core Value Imperatives

## B.C.C. Elders' Reflections

1. It is imperative for Christians to **GROW**.
2. It is imperative for Christians to **WORSHIP**.
3. It is imperative for Christians to **LOVE**.
4. It is imperative for Christians to **COMMUNE WITH GOD**.
5. It is imperative for Christians to be **PART OF A COMMUNITY**.
6. It is imperative for Christians to **EVANGELIZE AND DISCIPLE**.

# Values...Key Issues

- Bring out, dust off, refine, develop, display, and implement
- How many core values?
  - Actual vs. Aspirational values
  - As demonstrated by values in action
  - 'Ethos'...underlying or hidden values (Angie Ward)
  - Our Hidden Curriculum (John Ortberg)
  - Church Unique (Will Mancini)