

WE ARE THE CHURCH

Theological Values

- We are God-CENTERED.

Rom 11:33-36

- We are Bible-SATURATED.

Heb 4:12; 2 Tim 3:16; 1 Pet 4:10-11

- We are THOUGHTFUL.

Rom 12:2; 1 Pet 3:15; Mat 22:37; Eph 4:22-24



FURTHER UP, FURTHER IN

1. Consider how our church is doing on each of these values. How are you doing personally on each of these values?
2. Consider the different statements in Romans 11:33-36. What stands out to you about God's centrality?
3. Consider Hebrews 4:12 in light of Hebrews 3:7-9, 3:13, and 4:7. What does Hebrews 4:12 mean in this context?
4. Why is expositional preaching of God's Word so important to the health of a church? What happens when preaching loses its centrality to a church? (see 2 Tim 4:1-2; Tit 2:15; Acts 20:28-32; 1 Tim 4:13-16)
5. What does it look like for our lives to be Bible-saturated? (see Psa 1:1-3; Deut 6:6-9)
6. How have you seen anti-intellectualism in the church? In your experience, how is the mind developed or neglected through the church?
7. What does it look like to "Love the Lord your God... with all your mind" (Matt 22:37)? How do we sometimes separate our lives into the sacred and the secular? How important is how we think to our Christian lives? (see also Rom 12:2; Eph 4:22-24; 1 Pet 3:15)
8. Of our three theological values, which one stands out as important for you to focus on right now? Why?

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