

WE ARE THE CHURCH

Relational Values

- We are a FAMILY of BELIEVERS
 - a. LOVING and SERVING one another

- We are committed to SHARED-LEADERSHIP
 - a. Biblically QUALIFIED and RELATIONALLY connected

- We are GRACIOUS, in everything we do, in OBEDIENCE to Christ

FURTHER UP, FURTHER IN

1. What would you like God to say about our church? How would you like our church to be remembered? Which relational value encourages you most about who we are as a church? Why?
2. Where do you like to serve?
3. How does Ephesians 1:22-23 shape your view of the Church?
4. What does it mean to be the body of Christ, “members of one another”? (Rom 12:4-6, 1 Cor. 12:12-14, 18-20) Why does the bible describe the church in this way?
5. Read Acts 2:47, what does this imply about church membership? Can someone be saved, adopted into God’s family, and not be part of a church? (Ephesians 1:5, Rom 8:14-16)
6. Why is it important for church leadership to be relationally connected to the body? (Ephesians 4:11-12, Hebrews 13:17) How does our shared-leadership model serve the body best?
7. What are some of the “essentials of the historical biblical Christian faith” (Ephes. 4:4-6) we will lay down our lives for? What is meant by “secondary issues” that provide an opportunity for us to be gracious with one another for the sake of unity out of “reverence for Christ” (Ephes 5:21)?



“I have come home at last! This is my real country! I belong here. This is the land I have been looking for all my life, though I never knew it till now Come further up, come further in!” — C.S. Lewis, The Last Battle