



Hillcrest's DNA

Love People

"And he has given us this command: Anyone who loves God must also love their brother and sister." John 4:21

Because love is our primary factor and _____, other things take a back seat, and some things don't belong at Hillcrest at all.

- We believe Jesus showed love to everyone, no matter what. We want to emulate him and love everyone, no matter what. (John 3:16—17)
- We believe people are loved into the kingdom of God rather than _____ into it. (Luke 6:36—37)
- We believe that gossip and _____ have no place in the church. (Proverbs 17:3—4)
- We believe there is hope for everyone through Jesus Christ. We believe God values relationships and so we are relationship-based rather than program-based. (John 15:12)
- We believe that all ages matter to God so we are an _____ church, with people of all ages and stages taking part. We believe families are important to God so we value building healthy families by providing care for the entire family and also leaving space and time for families to be together rather than at an over-abundance of church events or functions.

To help us grow in Loving People, we Value:

- Authentic _____. We believe God designed us for community. Through community we grow in faith through encouragement and from seeing what God is doing not only in our own life, but in the lives of others. Through community, we learn _____ and grace, and God gives us opportunities to practice these and all the _____ (Galatians 5:22—23). At Hillcrest we encourage you to regularly attend a weekend gathering to experience

worshipping together and reaching out to others to connect with them in ways that your relationships extend beyond the church building; that you _____ together. (Hebrews 10:24–25; Acts 2:44–47)

- _____ Community. All ages matter and add value to the church. Each generation has something to share with the other generations. Young and old together make up the body of Christ. (1 Timothy 4:12; Job 12:12; Luke 18:16–17)
- Building Healthy _____. God designed families. The Bible has a lot to say about families and each person's contribution to the family. (Ephesians 6:1–4; Deuteronomy 6:6–9) At Hillcrest, we value families by providing care and teaching for all ages, by having special events to honor children, and by keeping a simple, unburdened weekly schedule to allow families to spend more time together.
- _____. We serve a generous God! He gave his life for us. (1 Timothy 2:6) His love for us is never-ending, unstoppable. (Lamentations 3:22; Romans 8:39) He takes care of us, provides for us, (2 Corinthians 9:8) and withholds no good thing from us (Psalm 84:11). We honor God when we also are generous. When we share our time, energy and money with others he is pleased. (Luke 6:38; 2 Corinthians 9:7–8) We believe that as part of the church which is the _____, we should all serve in some capacity, using the gifts God has given us, and that everyone who follows Jesus has been given gifts to use to _____ the church. (1 Corinthians 12:4–11)

Three habits for Loving People:

- Spending time together (Hebrews 10:25; Acts 2:44–47)
- Generosity (2 Corinthians 9:7–8; Luke 6:38; Malachi 3:10)
- Authentic Relationships (Proverbs 11:13; Proverbs 17:17; Proverbs 27:6; Proverbs 27; Micah 6:8)