

# 101: Who We Are (VALUES) |



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## BIBLICAL

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### **Scripture is our guide for faith and practice:**

- 2 Timothy 3:16 - All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness
- Psalm 119:105 – Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path.
- We are striving to be biblically/scripturally sound in both our belief and practice—what we teach and what we do.
- We strive to teach and preach the whole counsel of God.
  - “Nothing less than a whole Bible can make a whole Christian.” (A.W. Tozer)

### **Our vision is that we would be/become a people of the Word:**

- **People who KNOW the Word**
  - Hosea 4:6 – My people are destroyed from a lack of knowledge.
  - Hosea 4:14 – a people without understanding come to ruin!
    - “People without understanding and the knowledge of God and His word will come to ruin, will be destroyed.”
  - As a teenager—“A person who is too heavenly minded is no earthly good” (whoops)
  - Why does it matter:
    - Jesus is the word made flesh
    - Faith comes by hearing
    - It is by knowing the Word that we grow in the knowledge and wisdom of God.
    - The Word is the sword of the Spirit (Ephesians 6:17)
    - The Word of God sustains us
      - ◆ Matthew 4:4 – It is written: ‘Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.
    - Last days apostasy
- **People who BELIEVE the Word**
  - “I determined not to read what I believe, but rather to believe what I read.” --John Bevere
- **People who LIVE OUT & OBEY the Word**
  - “The word of God well understood and religiously obeyed is the shortest route to spiritual perfection. And we must not select a few favorite passages to the exclusion of others. Nothing less than a whole Bible can make a whole Christian.” (A.W. Tozer)
- **People who SHARE the Word**

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- Matthew 28:19-20
- Acts 1:8

## MISSIONAL

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Matthew 28:19-20 (ESV)—Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

Acts 1:8 (ESV)— But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

### Last words

- These are some of Jesus’ last words on earth—they are kind of important.
- They outline what we are to be doing until He returns.
- If this mattered to Jesus—It HAS to matter to us!

Missional = (acts 1:8) Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, ends of the earth

- Evangelism
- World Missions
- Outward focus
- We all have a role:
  - My call as your pastor
    - Is to stir you up, fan your soul into flames and push you out into ministry.
    - To EQUIP you for the ministry!
    - God has brought US TOGETHER. (Pastor & Church). He has a plan to shake this community with the power and love of God.
    - 1 Timothy 2:4 - who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.
    - He desires to use YOU in this process!

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## SPIRIT-FILLED

### **This is one of our core doctrines of the Assemblies of God.**

- We encourage and desire to be baptized in the Holy Spirit.
  - Further, to continue to be filled and refilled with the Spirit.
    - (Eph 5:18) Be being filled with the Spirit.
  - Where both the initial evidence (speaking in tongues) and enduring evidence (fruit of the spirit & power for witness) are experienced and taught.

### **The difference between the INDWELLING and BAPTISM IN THE HOLY SPIRIT.**

- Indwelling—John 20
  - All believers have the Holy Spirit living in them.
  - Romans 8 makes this clear
  - The Spirit's role in salvation—convicting of sin and drawing us to Christ.
- Baptism—Acts
  - A subsequent work of the Spirit
  - Acts 1:8 reveals purpose (power for witness)

### **We believe that the gifts of the Spirit are available for us today!**

- Plain view of Scripture—We believe the Acts experience is available for us today.
- Acts 2:17-18 (Joel's prophecy)
  - <sup>17</sup> ““And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams;
  - <sup>18</sup> even on my male servants and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy.
- Acts 2:38-39 (Peter's sermon)
  - <sup>38</sup> And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. <sup>39</sup> *For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself*

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## **We also believe that the baptism in the Holy Spirit should bring:**

- an overflowing fullness of the Spirit
- a deepened reverence for God
- an intensified consecration to God and dedication to his work.
- a more active love for Christ, for his word, and for the lost.

## RELATIONAL

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### **I am convinced that DISCIPLESHIP happens through RELATIONSHIP.**

- Meaning: we grow in the faith through relationships that challenge and encourage us.
- It is primarily people that God uses to build others up—not programs.
- God's love and truth are seen and felt more clearly through a healthy community of believers.

### **We are all being shaped/influenced through our relationships.**

- We eventually start talking like those we are close to.
- Show me your friends and I'll show you your future.
- Friends are like buttons on an elevator. They have the potential to pull you up or drag you down.

### **Proverbs 27:17 (NIV) — As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another.**

- We sharpen one another in the faith.
- We influence each other pursue God and his plans in greater ways.
- We can help each other to produce godly fruit.
- We are needed to judge and correct each other with love and grace.
- **Remember** that iron sharpening iron is not always a fun or pleasant experience. It can be painful at times. Iron is sharpened when it is ground against an abrasive to produce a sharp edge. **True friends will be used by God to make you sharper.**

### **We are striving to connect people together for the ultimate purpose of growing together in our faith and obedience to the Lord.**

- Small group Bible studies
- Life groups
- Sisterhoods

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## FAMILY-FOCUSED

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The family is God's first created institution. Families matter to God—they matter to us.

We value and are intentional about reaching out to and ministering to the whole family. (We haven't achieved this yet, but this is a value we are diligently chasing).

This is why we have kids ministries, student ministries and marriage ministries.

We are striving to build up the kids and parents alike.