

# Sonrise Core Beliefs and Core Values

## God

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**We believe...God**, the everlasting Creator, loves His creation and overwhelmingly desires a personal relationship with us.

**Therefore**, we will...Earnestly love the lost and actively seek personal relationships with them.

(Genesis 1:1; Deuteronomy 6:4-5; Isaiah 43:10-11; Psalm 90:2; Psalm 102:25-27; John 3:16-17; 1 Corinthians 8:4-6; 2 Corinthians 13:14; 1 Peter 1:1-3a; 1 Peter 1:15-16; 1 John 1:5)

## Jesus

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**We believe...Jesus**, the Word, spoke the universe into existence, then stepped into His creation to adopt lost children into His family.

**Therefore**, we will...Intentionally seek the lost in order to introduce them to God's family!

(Luke 4:16-19; John 1:1-3; John 14:3; John 14:6-7; Ephesians 1:3-10; Philippians 2:6-11; Col 1:15-20; Col 2:9-10; 1 Tim 2:5-6; 2 Peter 3:9)

## Holy Spirit

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**We believe...The Holy Spirit** draws humanity, empowering them (people, us, individuals) to respond to and live by the Truth.

**Therefore**, we will...surrender to His leadership and partner with Him to accomplish God's purpose.

(John 14:25-26; John 16:7-15; Acts 1:4-8; Acts 5:3-4; Romans 8:9-11; 1 Corinthians 2:10-14; 1 Corinthians 6:19; 1 Corinthians 12:7-11; Gal 5:22-25; Ephesians 3:16-19; Ephesians 5:18-21)

## The Bible

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**We believe...The Bible**, God's unchanging truth, reveals our need to live His truth, love the lost, and reach people regardless the cost.

**Therefore**, we will...Commit to knowing Scripture intimately and pouring it out freely.

(Deut 8:3; Nehemiah 8:2-6; Isaiah 55:10-11; Jeremiah 15:16; Psalm 119:105; Matthew 22:29; Luke 8:11-15; Luke 11:28; Luke 24:30-32; John 20:30-31; Acts 17:11-12; Romans 15:4; 2 Tim 3:16-17; Hebrews 1:1-2; Hebrews 4:12; 1 Peter 1:23-25; 2 Peter 1:20-21; Rev 22:18-19)

## The Church

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**We believe...the Church** is a gifted, united body, drawn together under Christ's loving authority to accomplish His mission.

**Therefore**, we will...Unite, obediently using our gifts, to accomplish Christ's mission.

(Matthew 16:17-18; Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 2:38-47; Acts 6:7; Romans 12:4-8; 1 Corinthians 1:10; 1 Corinthians 12:12-31; 1 Corinthians 14:26; Ephesians 1:22-23; Ephesians 4:3-6; Ephesians 4:11-16; Col 1:8; Heb 10:24-25)

## Holy Spirit

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**We believe...Worship** is giving God the praise and honor due Him as we surrender to Him everything that we are and possess.

**Therefore**, we will...Gladly worship the Lord, surrendering all that we are and possess, regardless the cost to us.

(Ex 34:14; Judges 7:12-15; 2 Samuel 15:32; 1 Chronicles 16:29; 2 Chronicles 29:27-31; Job 1:20-22; Psalm 95:6-7; Isaiah 6:1-9; Jeremiah 26:2-3; John 4:19-24; Rom 12:1; 1 Corinthians 10:31; Ephesians 5:19-20; Phil 2:9-11; Heb 10:24-25; Rev 5:1-14; Rev 7:11-12)

## People (Humanity)

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**We believe...People:** Created by God for relationship, lost through sin, and offered redemption through faith in Christ.

**Therefore,** we will...Endeavor to connect hopelessly lost sinners to God and to one another through Christ.

(Gen 1:26-28; Gen 3:1-7; Gen 3:8-19; Psalm 8:3-8; Psalm 139:13-14; Jeremiah 1:5; 2 Corinthians 5:17-18)

## Our sin

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**We believe...Our sin** wrecks (destroys) our relationship with God; Christ alone provides complete reconciliation through faith in Him.

**Therefore,** we will...Connect sinners to God by introducing them to Christ.

(Psalm 51:1-5; Isaiah 59:1-3; Isaiah 64:6; John 3:16-18; John 11:25-27; Acts 4:10-12; Romans 1:16-17; Romans 3:19-24; Romans 4:4-8; Romans 6:23; 2 Corinthians 5:21; Ephesians 1:7-8; Ephesians 2:1-10; 1 Pet 2:24-25; 1 John 1:5-8; 1 John 2:2; 1 John 3:4-6)

## Prayer

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**We believe...Prayer** is our lifeline to God aligning our will, desires, and ministry with His.

**Therefore,** we will...Align our will, desires, and ministry to God through prayer.

(Acts 4:32-35; Romans 14:19; Romans 15:2-3; 1 Corinthians 8:1; 1 Corinthians 10:23; Ephesians 4:11-16; Ephesians 4:29; Colossians 1:28)