

Biblically Driven

# Why have a conversation about values? What are they? Why do they matter?

- Places, activities, businesses are full of intangibles
- People show up and either love it or hate it, but likely don't immediately know why
- They are responding to the culture
- Culture is combination of what you create and what you allow
- Number one force that shapes culture is our values

# Values come through with any organization

- Chick Fil A, Hobby Lobby, Walmart in the early days
- Businesses where the Christian values shaped their culture
- Dennys, KFC, Walmart in recent history
- Businesses where the culture shifted

# How values shape the group

- Value survival and you will be inward looking
- Value tradition and you will be backward looking
- Value Jesus and you will be upward looking
  
- Value comfort and you will become weaker
- Value status quo and you will decay
- Value growth and you will remain vibrant

A word of warning – there can be a big difference between what we say we value and what our actions prove we value.

- What we spend our time on
- What we spend our money on
- What makes us happy when we see it
- This is what we actually value

- A church might say they value evangelism, but their actions more often say they value keeping their members happy
- The only way to work on the values of a church is to communicate them, strongly and often, from the top down.

# Children's Sermon

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# The Bible is our Guide

- 2 Timothy 3:16-17 (NASB)

All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.

# The Bible is our Guide

- Matthew 7:24 (NASB)

Therefore everyone who hears these words of Mine and acts on them, may be compared to a wise man who built his house on the rock.

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- Hebrews 4:12 (NASB)

For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

# The Bible Reveals God to us

- 2 Samuel 22:31 (NASB)

As for God, His way is blameless; The word of the LORD is tested; He is a shield to all who take refuge in Him.

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- John 5:45-47 (NASB)
- "Do not think that I will accuse you before the Father; the one who accuses you is Moses, in whom you have set your hope. For if you believed Moses, you would believe Me, for he wrote about Me. But if you do not believe his writings, how will you believe My words?"

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- John 1:14 (NASB)

And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.

# We will respond to God's Word

- Respect God's Word
- Psalm 19:7 (NASB)

The law of the LORD is perfect, restoring the soul; The testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple.

# We will respond to God's Word

- Study God's Word
- 2 Timothy 2:15 (NASB)

Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, accurately handling the word of truth.

# We will respond to God's Word

- Obey God's Word
- John 14:15 (NASB)

If you love Me, you will keep My commandments.

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