

EASTVIEW CORE VALUES

These values need to be the beliefs and convictions that support and drive our vision as a church. Values need to be clear to motivate and mobilize us toward embracing our vision,

Leading People to Christ and on to maturity in Him

They need to be values that take us to where we want to be, not just provide a reflection of where we are.

The church functions as a body

1 Corinthians 12

That believers minister according to the gifts that God has given them
That members of the body value their inter-personal relationships

Full devotion to Christ is normal for a believer

Colossians 3:1-17; Matt. 22:37

That Christ calls us to passionately follow him in all areas of our lives

This devotion is expressed in our commitment to:

- the disciplines of the Christian life - regular worship including public worship services, personal Bible reading, meditation and prayer
- that our lives are given over to the empowerment of the Holy Spirit so that His gifts and fruit are evident in our lives
- make priorities in response to our relationship with Jesus

Lost people matter to God, and therefore to us

Luke 15, Matt. 28:19

That we possess God's heart for the people of this world, expressed through:

- a lifestyle committed to communicating the reality of Jesus to people around us
- a compassion and burden for reaching the lost people of our world

The church is culturally relevant while remaining doctrinally pure

1 Corinthians 9:19-23

That we minister in ways that don't compromise the Gospel but recognize the effectiveness of certain methods for our time

Small groups are vital for believers' spiritual growth

Acts 2:42-47

That small groups give us an environment to practice the disciplines of a healthy spiritual life including:

- accountability to other believers, development of meaningful relationships, participation in prayer and application of God's Word

All we do is to honour God

Colossians 3:17

That our lives, in attitude, word and action, whether we are ministering within the context of 'church' or during the week reveal our commitment to honour our God

Scripture is our basis for faith and life

Romans 10:17, 2 Timothy 3:16

That God's Word is our authority and guide for life and completely trustworthy

Prayer under girds all ministry

Acts 2:42

That we recognize our dependence on God and the power and leading of His Spirit for life and ministry to touch people's hearts and change people's lives

Integrity and authenticity are essential for spiritual growth

Ephesians 4:25, 26, 32

That beneath all that we as the people of God do, lies a transformed, genuine life, empowered by the Spirit of God

Leadership is responsible to provide leadership

Ephesians 4:11-13; Romans 12:6-8

That God requires leadership to challenge, encourage, motivate and equip the church to be His arm of redemption in the world