

# Vision & Values

Becoming the church God wants us to be

Talking through the message during the week helps you turn what God is saying to you into action steps. These talking points, questions, and Scriptures are designed to help you take the next step. This past Sunday, we presented two more of our core values; Authenticity and Worship.

NO ONE IS PERFECT, AND WE WON'T PRETEND TO BE.

*We believe it's okay to be real and transparent about who we really are.*

WE WILL RESPOND TO GOD PASSIONATELY  
WITH ALL OUR HEART, MIND, SOUL, AND STRENGTH.

*We believe that moments to respond to God should not be wasted.*

**With your Bible, read Luke 18:9-14.**

*Jesus shares a parable to His listeners about the value of being authentic; being who we are at all times, and in this parable; before God.*

- Can we say we are authentic in every area of our life? Have there been times in our life when we have intentionally not been ourselves? If yes, why?
- In what areas of our life do we feel most authentic; that others see the real us; get to know the real us?
- The Scriptures say we are to worship with all our of heart (emotions), mind (intellectually), soul (our spirit), and strength (physically). In which of these areas would you say are your primary expression(s) of worship? Which area would you say you need to be more expressive in?

**Read Romans 12:1 and James 3:9-12.**

*Worship is not limited to singing songs in church on Sunday morning. Worship is a lifestyle we have to intentionally focus on each day.*

- How much value do I place on worship?
- Share a meaningful moment of worshipping God; when you felt as though you were as close to God as you had ever been. Was this moment during a personal time of worship, or a corporate time of worship with the church?

**Use these prayer tips to guide your time with God this week:**

- Confess any sin that is preventing you from fully realizing your purpose in Jesus.
- Have an honest conversation with God and assess where your current relationship is with Him. Ask for His continued grace and help as you grow in relationship with Him.
- Ask God to help you have courage to be real and authentic with others.
- Ask God to reveal and challenge you to “participate” more in your worship time, both in your private and public worship.
- Ask God to give you courage to step out of your comfort zone to participate fully in our worship gatherings; with all of your heart (emotions), mind (intellectually), soul (spirit), and strength (physically).
- Ask God for forgiveness for any excuse that you have used to justify not singing or fully participating in worship moments.