

CORE VALUES

Why What We Believe Defines Who We Are

The Importance of Our Core Values

Proverbs 29: 18

Introduction: It is my pleasure to have the opportunity to launch our new sermon series . It is a series built around the Core Values of the Christian and Missionary Alliance and the impact that those Core Values have on the way we live, and move, and have our being as a church. Indeed, it will represent a close-up of our denominational DNA—the “genetic” structure that makes us truly unique.

I. Core Values: The Essence of What We Believe

A. Defining the Term “Core Values”

1. Corporate “buzz-word” or spiritual foundation?
2. *A principle that guides an organization’s internal conduct as well as its relationship with the external world.*
3. Core values is a statement of the guiding principles that defines what we believe is most important, who we are, and what we want to be moving forward.

B. Core Values Relation to Vision/Mission

1. Core Values relate directly to who we are (i.e., Mission) and thus, who we want to be (i.e., Vision). (See diagram on reverse side.)
2. Core Values should be constant, passionate, biblical, and drive the ministries of the church.

II. The Importance of Core Values (i.e., Understanding What We Believe)

- A. Core Values express a church’s ministry distinctives (reference our own Core Values Statement in the sidebar to the right).
- B. Core Values facilitate the adoption of positive change.
- C. Core Values affect the church’s overall culture and behavior.

III. The Core Values of the Christian & Missionary Alliance

- A. Lost people matter to God. He wants them found. (Luke 19: 10)
- B. Prayer is the primary work of God’s people. (Philippians 4: 6-7)
- C. Everything we have belongs to God. We are His stewards. (I Chronicles 29: 14)
- D. Knowing and obeying God’s Word is fundamental to all true success. (Joshua 1: 8)
- E. Completing the Great Commission will require the mobilization of every fully devoted disciple. (Matthew 28: 19)
- F. Without the empowerment of the Holy Spirit, we can accomplish nothing. (I Corinthians 2: 4-5)
- G. Achieving God’s purposes means taking faith-filled risks. This always involves change. (Hebrews 11: 6)

Conclusion: Pastor Paul’s forthcoming series of sermons over the next couple of months will give us deeper insights into the Core Values of our denomination. Be in prayer with him that God will show how these values should impact our own lives and how we might help the church accomplish the mission that God has so graciously given her.

Where there is no vision, the people are unrestrained, But happy is he who keeps the law.

Proverbs 29: 18 (NASB)

Where there is no prophetic vision the people cast off restraint, but blessed is he who keeps the law.



Proverbs 29: 18 (ESV)

Alliance Bible Church Core Values

- *Celebrating the Lordship of Jesus Christ through corporate worship in two languages.*
- *Boldly proclaiming the fullness of His Gospel: Jesus Christ as Savior, Sanctifier, Healer, and Coming King.*
- *Building up one another in love through small group community, prayer, and discipleship.*
- *Serving our community through meaningful acts of loving service.*
- *Obeying the call of the Great Commission through sacrificial support of missions of every kind.*

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1.) How would you personally define the term “Core Values?” Why are they important to an organization like the church, and what impact ought they have on how we relate to the world around us? Explain.
- 2.) How Scriptural is this concept of Vision/Mission/Core Values? Are there verses of Scripture that com to mind? How do these terms help us to understand who we are—or do they?
- 3.) Do you believe that Core Values drive the Vision/Mission of the church? If you agree, explain how, why, and to what end?
- 4.) Considering everything, how important are Core Values?
- 5.) Do you think the Core Values of our church harmonize with the Core Values of our denomination? (See the sidebar on Page 1 and compare to the seven listed values in Part III of the outline.) Explain why or why not.
- 6.) Write in the “Notes” section of this Discussion Guide a one-word summary for each of the seven Core Values of the C&MA. Is there a one-word summary that comes to mind for the whole? Please share your thoughts.

 Vision/Mission Statement	NOTES
<p>The Alliance Bible Church is a multi-cultural church celebrating the life of Christ in us by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * proclaiming the full message of God’s Good News to the diverse cultures of McHenry and surrounding communities, * discipling believers in living the deeper Christian life, * equipping His people for the work of ministry, and * demonstrating the unconditional love of Jesus to our community through meaningful acts of service. 	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
 Relationship of Vision, Mission, and Core Values	
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