

KINGDOM VALUES, PRIORITIES, AND ASPIRATIONS

Below are lists of values and cultural statements that express a subset of the Kingdom Values, Priorities, and Aspirations we believe the Lord is emphasizing at ACC-RDU. We have organized these around Antioch's beloved slogan of "Love God, Love Others and Make Disciples". These have been set into a 'couplet' form that emphasizes the paradoxical nature of these values. All of these values are in complete harmony from Heaven's perspective and should not be viewed as antithetical. Yet, within our human limitations, paradox helps us align with the healthy radical middle.

Love God—Matthew 22:37-40

God is Good—He is good always, he is gracious, and nothing stops His relentless goodness, unconditional love and gentle kindness. Jesus is perfect theology and the perfect reflections of God and His Goodness.

God is Holy—Few can say it better than CS Lewis said in his allegory of Christ in the story of Aslan the Lion "He is not safe, but He is good." The Lord's interests always supersede human interests and opinions. His transcendence requires our humility and the fear of the Lord.

(Romans 11:22, Exodus 33:19-23, 34:1-18, Psalm 145:5-9, Matthew 7:11, James 1:17, 2 Corinthians 7:1, 1 Peter 1:15-16, Hebrews 12:14, Ephesians 5:3, Proverbs 3:9, Romans 6:22, Hebrews 12:28-29, Proverbs 9:10)

Holy Spirit Led—We expect every believer to encounter God's Presence daily in their individual lives and corporately. As important and useful as rules and principles may be, we must learn to live our lives by the indwelling Presence of the Holy Spirit and the life-giving words He speaks to us on a daily basis.

Scripturally Based—The Logos is our final guide, our foundation and our guardrails. Its feeds, defends, informs and sustains us. We desire to daily strengthen ourselves from God's Word.

(Romans 8, I Corinthians 6:19-20, Genesis 3:8-9, Psalm 16:11, Jeremiah 29:13, Exodus 33:14-15, Zachariah 4:6-7, 1 Thessalonians 1:5, 1 Corinthians 2:15, John 10:35, 2 Timothy 2:15-16, 2 Timothy 3:14-17, Psalm 119, Hebrews 4:11-13, Matthew 5:17-19, Luke 16:17, John 1:1-5, John 1:14, Psalm 1)

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Corporate Worship—We want to be a people who worship God extravagantly together in corporate settings. Worship includes singing, but is much more than that. It is the full and free expression of our devotion to God.

Private Worship—Worship at corporate gatherings is not sufficient. We encourage every believer to express their love and devotion to God through private times of worship as they encounter Him in their quiet time.

(Psalm 95:1-11, Psalm 100:4, Psalm 150:1-6, Revelation 5:9, Revelation 15:2-8, Revelation 19, Revelation 4, Nehemiah 8:1-9, Deuteronomy 5:1, Psalm 22:22, Psalm 40:9-10, Acts 2:46-47, Acts 20:7, John 4:19-26, Matthew 26:6-13, Acts 16:25, Psalm 63:1, Psalm 68:4-5, Psalm 42)

Prayer—Prayer is the centerpiece of our devotional life. We want to be a people who commune with and seek God in faith-filled prayer on a systematic and daily basis.

Obedient Action—In prayer we not only speak to God, He speaks to us. Prayer attracts the Lord's Presence and energizes our lives to acts of obedience and Spirit-led activities as we respond to His voice.

(Philippians 4:6-7, Psalm 34:17-20, 1John 5:14-16, 2 Chronicles 7:14, Ephesians 6:18, James 15:13, Mark 11:22-24, Matthew 5:44, Matthew 6:5-14, Psalm 141:2, Romans 12:12, Luke 18:1-8, Matthew 14:23, Mark 6:46, Mark 1:35, Luke 5:16, Hebrews 5:7, Matthew 26:41, Psalm 63, Psalm 42, Psalm 95:6-7, John 4:24, Psalm 96:4-6, I Samuel 15:22, Jeremiah 29:12, John 14:15, John 15:9-15, 2 John 1:6, 1 John 4:20-21, Romans 2:6-8, Luke 11:28, Revelation 4:12)

Love Others—Matthew 22:37-40

Honor Culture—We honor people for who they are and will be. We do not tear them down for who they currently are in their immaturity and weakness.

Authentic Culture—We will live authentically with each other and walk in the light even when it hurts to reveal offenses or receive needed correction and reproof.

(Exodus 20:12, Romans 12:10, Philippians 2:3, 1 Peter 2:17-19, John 13:34-35, 1 John 1:5-7, Psalm 141:5-6, Hebrews 12:4-11, Acts 5:1-11, James 5:16, Ephesians 4:15, 1 John 3:18)

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Healthy Family—Home is our first place of ministry. Ministry to our spouse, children, and other family members is vitally important.

Hospitality—Our homes are not just our family’s refuge but a mission station expressing God’s love for others.

(1 Timothy 5:8, Genesis 2:24, Ephesians 6:1-4, Mark 10:13-16, Luke 2:51, John 19:25-28, Mark 7:9-13, James 2:16, Acts 2:44-45, Acts 4:32-35, Luke 19:1-10, Acts 16:14-15, Romans 12:13)

All are Welcome—We have no preferences regardless of race, religion, gender or status. Rich or poor, sinner or saint, Jew or Gentile, male or female, all are loved with non-negotiable love.

A “Least of These” Culture—We will always remember those who are least likely to benefit us. These are the ones who “hide” Jesus within themselves like the poor, the strangers, the incarcerated, the elderly, the orphan, the immigrant and the suffering; whoever they may be.

(Galatians 3:28, 1 Corinthians 12:13, 1 John 2:11, 1 Samuel 16:7, 1 Timothy 5:21, James 2:1-5, John 7:24, Revelation 7:9, Romans 2:11, Romans 10:12, Matthew 25:34-45, Deuteronomy 10:18, James 1:27, Zachariah 7:9-10, Galatians 2:10, Exodus 22:21)

APEST Gifts—Christ has imbued individuals in the church with the component parts of His own incredible ministry on earth. These APEST gifts are given to equip all of the saints. There are no “super Christians” or big shots, just servants.

Servant Leadership—The way up is down; humility is the first and last character trait of those who would lead.

(Ephesians 4:11, Romans 11:29, Matthew 22:14, 2 Timothy 1:9, 1 Thessalonians 5:24, Jeremiah 29:11, Acts 13:36, Ephesians 1:18, Ephesians 4:1, 1 Corinthians 7:7, 1 Peter 4:11, 1 Timothy 4:14, 2 Timothy 1:6, Ephesians 4, Romans 12:6-8, 1 Corinthians 12:6-10, 1 Corinthians 12:27-31, 1 Corinthians 14:1-15, Matthew 23:1-12, Matthew 20:20-27, Matthew 18:1-5, Luke 22:26, Jeremiah 3:15, Matthew 10:24, 2 Timothy 2:24, Luke 16:10, 1 Peter 5:1-9, Acts 20:17-35)