

River Church Values

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Why Values?

They help

- Define us
- Us know why we do what we do
- Others understand us
- Keep us moving forward together

They can change so it's good to review them

Good values will help us grow

In the Past

Back in the 90's our values were

Relational

Radical

Reaching Out

Resource

In this, a pursuit of Spiritual gifts was emphasised.
Particularly tongues & prophecy.

In the Past

In the recent past our values have been

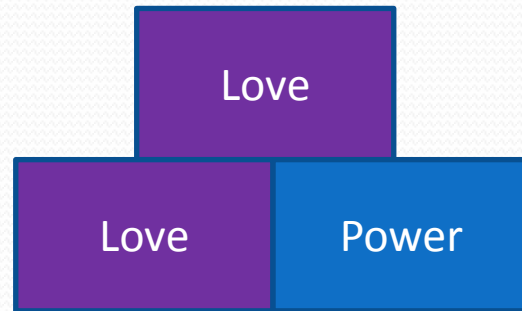
Strong theology

Presence, People, Programmes

In this, a pursuit of the supernatural has been to the fore,
particularly healing & prophecy

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Our message must be attractive



Many see

God as an

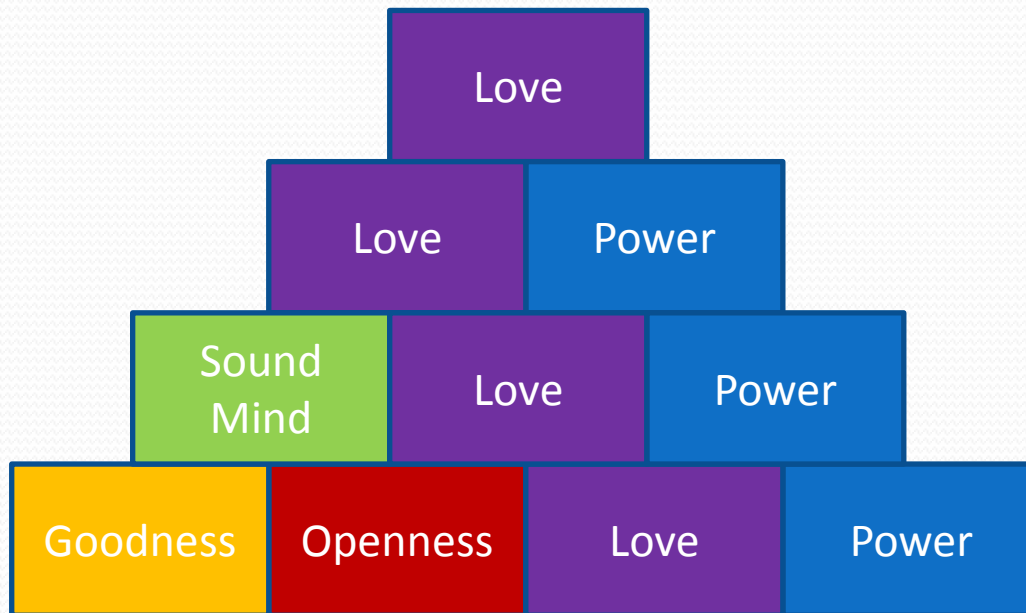
Angry

Omnipotent

Law-giver

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For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power, of love and of a sound mind.
2 Timothy 1:7

We're Going for GOLD!

In this season we're defining them as

Goodness

Openness

Love

Dynamism (*Dunamis*)

I'd like us to go for GOLD in everything we do because I believe these values will bring life to every sphere

In the Way We See God

In our Theology!

- God is good
 - All the time!
 - “Blessed are the people...” it’s the sound of revival!
- God is open
 - Warfare theology
 - Necessary for true love
- God is love
 - Trinity
 - Those who live in love live in God – 1 John 4:16
- God is dynamic
 - He works in all things for good
 - Healing the sick, casting out demons and releasing the oppressed

In the Way We Lead

- We aim to be good all the time
 - The ends don't justify the means, e.g. Jesus rules via the cross and David ruled via the cave
- We bring freedom
 - We don't dictate, we empower to adventure
 - We don't seek to control but to take faith-based risks
- We love those we lead
 - Laying down our lives
 - We lead relationally, not through authority, title or position
- We bring life-changing encounters with God
 - In pastoral work, evangelism and discipleship

In Our Pastoral Work

- We fight evil
 - We don't hold the Lord responsible for sickness, etc
 - We don't encourage people to always see pain as discipline to be endured. More often it is to be fought.
 - We expect His abundant provision
- We bring freedom
 - We don't tell folk what to do, but encourage them, eg giving
 - We don't lay down rules, but offer principles
- Love is the goal
 - Help and exhort each other to love God and love people
 - Knowing the love of God is the most powerful transforming force, Eph 3:14-19
- We bring life-changing encounters with God
 - The Holy Spirit will convict, heal, set free, bind up and transform from glory to glory

In the Way We Do Evangelism

- We preach good news
 - The acceptable year of the Lord's favour
 - God is for people
- We allow folks to respond openly not in a pre-defined manner
 - Repentance and change are not the first messages
- We love the lost, we're not wary of them
 - We want them to know God loves them, not God hates what they do!
 - Like Jesus we seek the lost, motivated by compassion
- We aim at drawing the lost to a life-changing encounter with Jesus
 - Our message is "Taste and see that God is good!"

What do you think?

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- Are these values helpful?
- Are they a true reflection of where we are?
- Will they help us get where we want to go?