

Edmonton CHURCH OF GOD

Love, Live, Serve - like Jesus!

At the Edmonton Church of God, we aspire to imitate Jesus in everything we do, both in our personal lives and in the life of the church community. Our heart's desire is to live out, by the power of the Holy Spirit, what it means to be an expression of the New Testament Church.

The following five values or principles are intended to help us focus on and live out God's purpose for His church.

Knowing Jesus - Imitating Him

- Being full of truth and grace; having the mind of Christ:
([John 1:14](#); [Philippians 2:5-8](#))
- Allowing the Word of God and the Holy Spirit to lead us in all we do:
([John 4:34](#); [John 16:13](#))
- To be learners of Jesus; Growing in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ:
([Matthew 11:29](#); [2 Peter 3:18](#); [Ephesians 4:15](#); [Colossians 1:9-12](#))
- Living a holy, sanctified life:
([John 5:14](#); [1 Peter 1:15-16](#); [Acts 8:14-15](#); [1 Thessalonians 5:23](#))
- Loving God and our fellow man:
([Matthew 22:37-39](#); [Matthew 20:28](#))

To abide in Christ and grow in the knowledge of Christ; to model the mind and mission of Christ in all that we do as a community of believers and individual followers of Christ.

Inspiring Worship and Prayer

- Worshiping the Lord in truth and spirit:
([Matthew 4:10](#); [John 4:23-24](#))
- Praising God – being in awe of His holiness and glory; coming before Him in reverence and submission:
([Psalm 96](#); [Psalm 22:25](#); [1 Chronicles 16: 28-29](#))
- Experiencing God revealing Himself through the presence of the Holy Spirit, the preaching and teaching of His Word, in song, prayer and fellowship:
([Matthew 18:20](#); [Acts 10:33](#); [1 Thessalonians 2:13](#))

To authentically connect with God corporately and in small groups through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit in praise, prayer and the proclamation of God's Word.

- Being devoted to prayer:
(Acts 2:42; Psalm 95:6)
- Encouraging one another to be strong in the Lord:
(Hebrews 10:24-25; Ephesians 6:10)

To be a strong community of believers who demonstrate Christ's love to one another in joyful and difficult times and who glorify God by caring for one another.

Sharing the Gospel by Touching the Lives of Others

- Seeing the eternal value of each soul through Christ's eyes:
(Matthew 16:26; Luke 19:10)
- Investing ourselves to intentionally connect with those who don't know Jesus to share the Gospel in accordance with Christ's mandate:
(Matthew 28:19-20; Mark 2:17; Luke 14:23)
- Being genuinely committed to addressing the needs of our community to point them to salvation in Jesus:
(Galatians 6:10; 1 Corinthians 9:19-23; Matthew 4:19)
- Being witnesses of Christ, making a difference in our community locally and globally:
(Acts 1:8; Matthew 5:16)

To see the needs of our community and to passionately serve to meet those needs in the love of Christ so that others may experience salvation through faith in Jesus.

Discipling and Equipping Believers

- Helping each other as believers to an ever-deepening relationship with Christ through mutual learning relationships:
(Acts 14:22; Acts 18:26; Colossians 2:6-7)
- Equipping and nurturing individuals to become all that God wants them to be:
(Ephesians 4:12; Hebrews 10:24)
- Supporting believers to a deeper experience in the Holy Spirit:
(John 14:16-17; Acts 8:14-16; Acts 11:15-16)
- Encouraging gift-based ministry:
(1 Corinthians 12:7,18; Ephesians 4:16; 1 Peter 4:10; 2 Timothy 1:6)

To come alongside one another to nurture a deeper relationship with Jesus and to equip believers to use their God-given gifts for the work of ministry and for building up the body of Christ.

Experiencing the Community of God's Family

- Cherishing our identity as God's family through the new birth in Christ:
(John 1:12)

- Building genuine and transparent relationships that honour God by: loving one another, bearing one another in love, giving preference to one another and admonishing one another:
([John 13:35](#); [Romans 12:10](#); [Ephesians 4:2](#); [Philippians 2:3](#))
- Experiencing biblical fellowship through the Holy Spirit:
([Acts 2:46-47](#))
- Making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit:
([John 17:20-21](#); [Ephesians 4:3](#))
- Being faithful in our service to God's family:
([Matthew 6:33](#); [1 Corinthians 12:25](#))