

CHURCH 101:

5 Core Values Of The Sword Church

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4 ESSENTIALS OF THE CHURCH:

1. *As the Church:* We Are CALLED By God; CHOSEN By God ;
LOVED By God
2. The Church Has PASSION & PURPOSE : Doing God's Will
3. The Church Is Ordinary People EMPOWERED By the SPIRIT
Responding to God's Call
4. The Church Has COMPASSION and CARE for the Lost – A
Burden for Souls --

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WHAT DO WE VALUE? WE LOVE GOD & PEOPLE THEREFORE:

1. **EVERY** person has the right to a presentation of the Gospel.
2. Every person needs a **BIBLICAL** moral compass to guide and protect them in life.
3. Every believer at CFA needs to find a develop a **MINISTRY.**
4. Every believer at CFA has a **CALLING** to advance the global **MISSION** of Christ & Church

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- **Values Are Often Unwritten Assumptions That Guide Our Actions.**
- **Values Demonstrate Our Convictions And Priorities**
- **Values Provide The Foundation For Formulating Goals And Setting The Direction Of The Church's Ministry**

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- **WE LEARN FROM JESUS ABOUT FINDING WHAT IS VALUABLE IN LIFE**
- **Luke 10:41–42 (NIV) 41** “Martha, Martha,” the Lord answered, “you are worried and upset about many things, **42** but only one thing is needed. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her.”
- **WE WANT TO MAKE THE RIGHT CHOICES IN WHAT WE VALUE**

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Matthew 13:44 (NIV) — 44 “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field.

- **THERE IS AN “ALL-IN” PLACE IN THE KINGDOM**
- **IT IS WHERE WE TOTALLY “SELL-OUT” AND GO “ALL-IN”**
- **THIS IS A VALUE THAT THE LORD APPLAUDS**

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- **THERE IS THE VALUE OF THE IMPORTANCE OF A LOST SHEEP**

Matthew 18:12 (NIV) — 12 “What do you think? If a man owns a hundred sheep, and one of them wanders away, will he not leave the ninety-nine on the hills and go to look for the one that wandered off?

- **THE VALUE OF THE LOST SHEEP IS SOMETHING TO INVEST IN**

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JESUS SPOKE OF THE VALUE OF OUR SOUL

- **Mark 8:36–37 (NIV) 36** What good is it for a man to gain the whole world, yet forfeit his soul? **37** Or what can a man give in exchange for his soul?
- **OUR SOULS ARE WORTH MORE THAN ANYTHING IN THIS WORLD**
- **WE VALUE THINGS THAT ARE ETERNAL AND LEAD US TO CHRIST**

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WE WANT TO INVEST OUR LIVES IN THINGS OF VALUE

- **Philippians 3:8 (NIV) — 8** What is more, I consider everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them rubbish, that I may gain Christ

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AS A CHURCH WE HAVE VALUES THAT GUIDE OUR ACTIONS

- *THEY DEMONSTRATE OUR CONVICTIONS*
- *THEY DETERMINE HOW WE OPERATE*
- *THEY DIRECT US TO WHERE WE ARE HEADING TO AS A CHURCH*

THEY ARE OUR CORE VALUES:

- *WHAT REALLY COUNTS*
- *WHAT REALLY MATTERS*

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OUR LOCAL CHURCH VALUES AT CFA:

1. Love
2. The Harvest
3. Praise & Worship
4. Ministry
5. Prayer
6. Preaching the Word
7. Discipleship
8. Excellence
9. Balance
10. Jesus!!

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OUR VALUES HELP US TO ANSWER QUESTIONS:

1. Do We Love What God Loves And Hate What God Hates?
2. Do We Value Highly The Things That Please God
3. Do Our Affections And Goals Line Up With Eternal Values?
4. Are Biblical Values Reflected In What We Spend Our Efforts On ?

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Core Values Reflect The Distinctives Of A Church.

- 1. What Should We Be Doing?***
- 2. What Do We Get Passionate About?***
- 3. What Are Essential Functions & Priorities Of The Church?***

CORE VALUE #1 -- A FOCUS ON **SERVING** --
Serving God And People With Care And Compassion

- **EVERYONE CAN DO SOMETHING TO SERVE OTHERS**
- **1 Peter 4:10 (NIV)** — 10 Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms.

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- **Mark 10:45 (NIV)** (45) For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."
- **SERVING IS "DOING PRACTICAL THINGS TO BE OF SERVICE TO OTHERS."**
- **Galatians 5:13 (NIV)** (13) You, my brothers, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the sinful nature; rather, serve one another in love.
- **THOSE WHO SERVE FIND IT BECOMES A GREAT JOY IN THEIR LIVES**

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WHY SERVE?

- ***JESUS SAID, IF YOU WANT TO BE A GREAT IN THE KINGDOM. LEARN TO BE THE SERVANT OF ALL***
- **Matt. 23:11-12 (NIV)** The greatest among you will be your servant. (12) For whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted

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- **SERVING OPENS THE FLOW to CHRIST-LIKE LIVING IN OUR LIVES**
- **SERVING ALLOWS THE CHURCH TO BE ALL IT CAN & SHOULD BE**
- ***EVERY MEMBER MUST HAVE A MINISTRY***
- ***EVERY SAINT MUST BE A SERVANT***

CORE VALUE #2 -- A FOCUS ON WORSHIP --

Worshiping God in Spirit and in Truth

- **Mark 12:28 NIV)** ..."Of all the commandments, which is the most important?"
- **(Mark 12:29-31 NIV)** "The most important [COMMAND] one," answered Jesus, "is this: 'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one. (30) Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.'
- ***THE MOST IMPORTANT COMMAND IS TO LOVE GOD***
- ***THAT IS WHAT WORSHIP IS ALL ABOUT***
- ***THE FIRST AND GREATEST COMMANDMENT IS TO LOVE GOD***

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WE MAKE A CORE VALUE OF WORSHIP:

- **PENTECOST – PREACHING -- PRAISE & WORSHIP – ALTAR**
- **PRACTICING HIS PRESENCE**
- **DRAWING NEAR TO HIM**

CORE VALUE #3 -- A FOCUS ON **OUTREACH** --
Outreach oriented. Empowered by the Spirit

OUTREACH IS: EVANGELISM – MISSIONS -- PASSION FOR THE LOST

Mark 16:15-16 (NIV) "Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation.(16) Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.

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- ***WE FOCUS ON OUTREACH = CARING ABOUT THE SPIRITUAL CONDITION OF THE PEOPLE GOD HAS PLACED IN OUR LIVES***
- ***WE BRING AND INCLUDE THOSE WE KNOW WHO DO NOT HAVE A RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS CHRIST***

CORE VALUE #4 -- A FOCUS ON RELATIONSHIPS --
Relationship building, with love for God and for people

- **THE 2ND MOST IMPORTANT COMMANDMENT “LOVE OTHERS”**
- **THIS IS FELLOWSHIP -- EDIFICATION -- SPIRITUAL GIFTINGS**
- **AT CFA WE BUILD RELATIONSHIPS IN ORDER TO Develop Fellowship Of Like-Minded Believers That Will Form A Net To Meet The Needs OF One Another And Win The Lost In Our Community**

CORE VALUE #5 -- A FOCUS ON **DISCIPLESHIP** --
Discipling believers to mature and multiply in Christ.

- **ORDINARY PEOPLE WERE USED BY GOD TO BEGIN THE CHURCH**
- **THE CHURCH GREW AS THE HOLY SPIRIT LED AND DIRECTED THEM**
- **ORDINARY PEOPLE DID EXTRAORDINARY THINGS BY GOD'S POWER**
- **THE FOLLOWERS ARE THOSE COMMITTED TO WHOLE-HEARTED & DEVOTED DISCIPLESHIP**

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HE IS CALLING US TO NEW LEVELS OF DISCIPLESHIP

- *DISCIPLED DISCIPLES*
- *BEING AND BECOMING*
- *TEACHING & LEARNING*
- *DEVELOPING CHARACTER*
- *FINDING MINISTRY AND GROWING IN IT*
- *ORDINARY PEOPLE EQUIPPED TO GROW THE CHURCH*

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AS A SWORD CHURCH >>>>

- *We Look Everywhere To Focus On* ***Serving***
- *We Look Up To Focus On* ***Worship***
- *We Look Out To Focus On* ***Outreach***
- *We Look Around To Focus On* ***Relationships***
- *We Look Into God's Word To Focus On* ***Discipleship***