



Summer

AT LIFEPOINT

WEEK OF JULY 23RD, 2023
OUR CHURCH, OUR VALUES
 Speaker: Pastor Mike Burnette



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Are you a dog person or cat person?

What are Our Church Values?

LifePoint Church's core values:

1. We Love God
2. We Love People
3. We Choose Joy
4. We Pursue Excellence
5. We Give Generously
6. We Develop Leaders
7. We Grow Intentionally

- In your own words, what is a value?
- Do you truly put God first in everything? In what area of your life can you grow this value and put God first where you weren't before?
- We love people because God so loved the whole world! And, He loves everyone, not just certain groups. Do you really love people? Is there anyone that you struggle to love? What could you do to love them like God does?
- Who do you know who just brings joy every time they walk into a room? How do they inspire you to become a joy-filled person? What do you need to do differently?
- What does it mean to be "inconvenienced" by God?
- We want to bless the people by doing things well for them! How do you pursue excellence in your daily life? Is it driven by your own desires or by God's?
- Generosity is in the heart of God. Before we behave generously, we must first have a heart for generosity. How could you grow this part of your heart more?

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- What does “developing leaders” look like in your life right now? Are you developing leaders or rule followers? How do you know?
- What are you doing to grow intentionally, whether it be in your personal or spiritual life?

Why We Value Our Values!

- Our values direct our behaviors. Our behaviors shape our culture. Our culture draws people to Jesus (...or repels them).
- What in your life draws people to God and what in your life might repel them? Is your love for God a pleasing aroma to others or offensive?
- Why is it better to shape behavior around values rather than rules? Have you experienced this personally in your life? How did it work out?
- What kind of fruit does unhealthy values produce? What emotions do healthy values promote?
- Are your values shaped by your personal beliefs (how you were raised) or do you dump what was taught to a degree and alter your values as you go through life?
- Can your kids or other family members tell you what your values are in your home? How do you know?
- How do you see growing in these values affecting your relationship with God?



HOW DO WE GROW IN OUR VALUES?

Love God (Mark 12:30)

- Daily Time in Prayer
- Regularly Read Bible
- Attend Church
- Worship God Often
- Attend Small Group
- Surrender to Jesus

Choose Joy (Hebrews 12:2; Luke 15:7)

- Pray for Everything
- Trust God
- Practice Gratitude
- Reach Lost People
- Evaluate Relationships
- Repent from Sin
- Talk a Walk/Ice Cream!

Give Generously (Matthew 6:19-21)

- Give Your Time
- Gove Your Talent
- Give Your Treasure
- Live on a Budget
- Forward Campaign
- Tithe/Save/Spend

Love People (Mark 12:31)

- Serve on the Dream Team
- Pray for Others
- Forgive Offenses
- Invite Neighbors to Church
- Attend Small Group
- Serve Day!

Pursue Excellence (Phil 4:8)

- Simplify Your Life
- Serve Others
- Stay Put Longer
- Do the Hard Right Thing
- Grow and Get Better
- Lead Others

Develop Leaders (Ephesians 4:11-13)

- Commit to Small Group
- Attend Next Steps Class
- Serve on Dream Team
- Join Internship
- Be a Mentor
- Be Mentored
- Multiply Leadership

Grow Intentionally (Luke 2:52; Philippians 2:5-7)

- Join a Small Group
- Attend Next Steps
- Join the Dream Team
- Be Mentored
- Try New Things
- Train Your Kids
- Stay Teachable

act on it



ENCOURAGE

Values shape behavior, behavior shapes culture, and culture determines how people will respond. Our core values matter because we want to lead people to become full devoted followers of Jesus Christ. We're a church on mission for God. These aren't LifePoint catchphrases, these are intentional, God-inspired values. These seven core values are good and true for all of us, in everything that we do. Challenge yourself to grow these areas in your own life. Bring them into your home, your workplace, and into your relationships. Whether you attend in-person or online, we are all a part of this amazing church family, and we get to be the light of the world right where we are. You'll be amazed at what God will do once you start centering your life on great and Godly values.



ASK

What do you think about these core values? Do you understand the "why" behind the "what"? What ways could these values help lead you closer to God? How do you see these values present in your life now? What would it look like to bring these values into your home, office, and church? Developing people is God's design and desire throughout all of the Bible! Who are YOU called to lead in their walk with Christ?



CHALLENGE

What are your values? Spend some time with God asking Him. Call a family meeting and figure out your family values. If you haven't already, take a few minutes and grade yourself in these seven values. Grade yourself on a scale from 1-10 (1 being the lowest, 10 being the highest). Choose the two or three of the lowest areas and implement two or three disciplines from the next page so you can grow in those areas.

prayer

Lord, thank You for inspiring these values. Thank You for this foundation that we can use to shape our behaviors and the culture around us, not just at church but for wherever You send us. Whether it's at home, at work, or just out in the community, we can make a difference. We want to be the light of the world that You have called us to be. Show us where and how we need to grow, and through your Holy Spirit, empower us to grow in these areas. Lord, help us be teachable again. Stretch us out of our comfort zones so we can get better. Help us take our next steps. Jesus, thank You for modeling these values for us, because as we follow You, we want to model You. Lord, have mercy on us and fill us with Your Grace in our time of need. Remove anything that gets in the way of our growth and takes our eyes off of You. In Jesus' Name, we pray. Amen.