

What is Love? 4.25.21

Series: Your Mission, Should You Choose to Accept it

Redemption Church's Purpose

Our Mission

Our mission is to fulfill the Great Commandment and the Great Commission.

- The Great Commandment: *One of the teachers of the law came and heard them debating. Noticing that Jesus had given them a good answer, he asked him, "Of all the commandments, which is the most important?" "The most important one," answered Jesus, "is this: 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. 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 second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these."* (Mark 12:28-31)
- The Great Commission: *Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."* (Matthew 28:19-20)

Our Vision

Redemption Church lives to love God, prioritize people, and bless the world.

Our Values

Love God

- We grow in faith and maturity through obedience to God, in accordance with his Word.
- We worship with our whole hearts and lives.
- We pursue God through prayer, listening to His voice, guided by the Holy Spirit.

Prioritize People

- We welcome people into an international, intergenerational community that seeks to be the family of Christ - a place of belonging and support for every person.
- We develop devoted followers of Jesus through Biblically-based teaching, mentoring, and serving together.
- Recognizing that some people join us for a short time, we intentionally prepare and send them to serve God in other locations, both near and far.

Bless the World

- We serve the neighbourhood in practical, tangible ways as a demonstration of the heart of God, including loving service, works of healing, justice, and unusual generosity.
- We proclaim the Good News of Christ in actions and words in the community around us and invite them into abundant life with Jesus.

Love God:

- We grow in faith and maturity through **obedience to God**, in accordance with his **Word**.
 - John 14:15 - *If you love Me, you will keep My commandments.*
 - 2 Timothy 3:16 - *All Scripture is inspired by God and beneficial for teaching, for rebuke, for correction, for training in righteousness.*
 - John 7:17 - *If anyone is willing to do His will, he will know about the teaching, whether it is of God, or I am speaking from Myself.*

- We worship with our **whole hearts and lives**.
 - Romans 12:1-2 - *Therefore I urge you, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.*

- We pursue God through **prayer, listening** to His voice, guided by the **Holy Spirit**.
 - John 10:27-28 - *My sheep listen to My voice, and I know them, and they follow and I give them eternal life, and they will never perish; and no one will snatch them out of My hand.*
 - Isaiah 50:4-5 - *The Lord God has given Me the tongue of disciples,
So that I may know how to sustain the weary one with a word.
He awakens Me morning by morning,
He awakens My ear to listen as a disciple.
The Lord God has opened My ear,
And I was not disobedient,
Nor did I turn back.*