



4S Core Values

A community built on four essential values

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Why Core Values Matter

Core values matter because they provide a foundation for the church's direction. The four core values of Valley Hope Church are: **Seek, Sanctify, Surrender, and Send**. Through these values, we will guide the

flock that God has entrusted to us and shepherd them in the ways of the Lord.

Seek



The presence of God

We want to be a people who Seek the presence of God through the teaching of Scripture and congregational worship. *"I love those who love me, and **those who seek me diligently find me**"* ([Proverbs 8:17](#)). Those who seek the Lord will find Him. We want to be a people that Seek the Lord.



Fellowship with His people

We want to be a people that Seek the community and fellowship of the people of God. [Hebrews 10:24-25](#) says, *"And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near."* We are to gather to stir up love and encourage one another as the Day draws near.

“The Christian life is not meant to be lived alone. The believer is to live in community with his brothers and sisters.”

— Will Reynolds, Lead Church Planter at Valley Hope Church



Sanctify

“So as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him: bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God” ([Colossians 1:10](#)). The Christian life is a journey, not a sprint. It is a walk. A walk with the Lord as He transforms you into His likeness. This is sanctification of the believer. Valley Hope Church will Sanctify our lives to be set apart for what God has called us to and pursue holiness. The Psalter wrote this of following the Lord,

***“Your word is a lamp to my feet
and a light to my path.
I have sworn an oath and confirmed it,
to keep your righteous rules.
I am severely afflicted;
give me life, O Lord, according to your word!
Accept my freewill offerings of praise, O Lord,
and teach me your rules.
I hold my life in my hand continually,
but I do not forget your law.
The wicked have laid a snare for me,
but I do not stray from your precepts.
Your testimonies are my heritage forever,
for they are the joy of my heart.
I incline my heart to perform your statutes
forever, to the end”*** ([Psalm 119:105-112](#)).



Surrender

The word Surrender often carries a negative connotation to it because no one wants to Surrender, but when it comes to following Christ we should equate the term to something that brings joy. At Valley Hope Church, we desire to be a people who are willing to give fully of ourselves and our resources. *"Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver"* ([2 Corinthians 9:7](#)). At Valley Hope Church we want you to be a cheerful giver of your time and steward of your resources.



Send

The last thing that Jesus said to the disciples before He ascended into heaven was, *"You will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth"* ([Acts 1:8](#)). Look closely Jesus did not say, "Would you?" or "Please be my witnesses", no He said you will be. Taking the gospel to our neighbors and to the end of the earth is not optional for the Christian. Christians are to be sent to live on mission locally and in the world. At Valley Hope Church we desire to be a church that is rooted in Christ, reaching the world with the gospel.

Thank you for being a part of our story. Let's live a life worthy of the calling that God has placed on our lives and carry the good news of Christ to all who will hear.

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