

our **everydays**

(the stuff we're always **on about**)

1. Following **Jesus** / Matthew 4:19 - "Follow Me."

- Living faith - not cheap grace.
- His life, teaching, ministry, death and resurrection.
- Knowing, hearing, trusting, obeying --> actually **following Jesus**
(as opposed to *doing church, being good, practicing religion or believer-ism*)

2. The **Whole Story** / 2 Tim 3:16 - "**All** scripture is God-breathed..."

→ of **God** and the **Gospel**.

- Which means being devoted to, not just the Red Letters, or the New Testament, but the whole **Bible** - "**All Scripture**..." - we want to hear and honor it.
- Because we want the whole of **God** and the **Gospel** - we want to seek it.
(we are committed to *historic orthodox Christian faith, practice + tradition*)

3. All Things new / Rev 21:5 + Psalm 24:1

"The earth is the Lord's and everything in it."

- Christian discipleship is about **all of life**.
- Because the gospel is about **all of life** - the restoration of **all things** in Christ - the whole of life, the whole world, the whole person.
 - As Abraham Kuyper, a Dutch pastor who became the Prime Minister of the Netherlands, once said, "There's not a square inch in the whole domain of human existence over which Christ, who is Lord over all, does not exclaim, 'Mine'!"
 - As John Ortberg once wrote, "God is not interested in your spiritual life. God is simply interested in **your life**."

4. Honest Faith / Hebrews 11 + Romans 8:19f

- about ourselves, about life, about God.
 - *including the glory + failings of the Church*
- the Already/Not Yet. (Mark 1:14f)

5. Dirty Hands / John 20:21

"As the Father has sent me, I'm sending you."

- **into the world** - into the beauty and mess of the world - **for the sake of the world**...
 - We are to be the hands and feet, shoulders, eyes and voice - of Jesus.
- everyday mission - "ordinary Christians doing ordinary things with gospel intentionality" (Chester and Timmis)
 - wherever God calls us - across the **world**, across the **street**, across the **room**.

6. All Together - the Whole People of God / Acts 2:17-18

*"In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on **all people**. Your **sons** and **daughters** will prophecy, your **young**... your **old**... Even on my servants, **both men and women**, I will pour out my Spirit... and they will prophesy."*

- We **all** need one another. We **all** have something to **offer** + **receive**.
- **All-AGES** - intergenerational community.
- The priesthood of **all believers** - **MEN + WOMEN** leading/serving together in diversity + mutuality

7. Everyone's Invited / John 3:16, 4:13, 5:24, 6:35, 7:17, 7:37

*"Let **anyone** who is thirsty come to me and drink. **Whoever** believes in me, as Scripture says, rivers of living water will flow from within them."*

- Jesus is our Host + He invites us **all** to His Table.
Everyone is invited to follow Jesus!
- And so, just as Jesus' welcomes and invites everyone - **all** - to know and follow Him, we welcome and invite **everyone** to know and follow Jesus with us **into a way of life radically renewed and re-ordered by Jesus**.

8. All Hands On Deck / Mark 10:45 + 1 Cor 12:7

- To be a Christian is to follow the One who says, *"I came not to be served, but to **serve**, and to give my life as a ransom for many."*
- Church is not a spectator sport.
- We are **all** called to serve + we are **all** given gifts for the building up of the body.
- This is part of our historical (Plymouth Brethren) DNA - ministry isn't reserved for the clergy/staff/paid professionals.
→ *"Everyone gets to play."* - Everyone is invited to contribute...

9. Let's Pray / Luke 5:16, Col 4:2 + Luke 11:9f

- Prayer is essential - **because GOD is essential** - at every turn - in all things - for all things...
 - So? **Let's pray**.