DISCOVER CITYVIEW #2: CITYVIEW VALUES

- 1. **WE LOVE JESUS** by experiencing spiritual rebirth, abiding, depending, and obeying Him. We seek to stay connected with Him daily and allow Him to change our lives . Jesus calls us to follow Him as Lord and Savior. We are truly fulfilled when we center our lives on Him and align with His priorities. Jesus calls us to love and worship Him at Sunday gatherings, small groups, and other church practices (Jn 3, 15; Eph 1:20-23, Mt 6:33, Acts 2:42, 9:31-32, Eph 4:11-13). Jesus calls us to abide and worship Him privately (Scripture, Prayer, Song, Fasting, etc.). We are commanded to be filled with the Spirit rather than trying to live out our faith in our own efforts (Dan 6:10, Psalms 55:17, Mt 14:13, Mk 1:35, Jn 6:15, Jn 15:5, Eph 5:18, Gal 3:3).
- 2. **WE GIVE JOYFULLY** by giving financially to the ministry of Cityview Bible Church. We give to the local church as did the first Christians; we honor the Lord by giving Him the first part of our paycheck; we give generously and joyfully and not reluctantly (1 Cor 9:6-7,16:2, Prov 6:9-10)
- 3. **WE LIVE IN COMMUNITY** by being fully connected to a Cityview group and the church family. We pursue deep and consistent Christ-centered friendships and avoid the natural tendency to isolate or maintain distance from others (Heb 10:24-25, Prov 18:1). We learn to love each other as Christ loves us by caring, confessing, forgiving, making amends, reconciling with each other (Jn 13:34-35, Rm 12:9-18, Jm 5:16, Eph 4:32, Rm 12:17-18, Mt 5:24, Mt 18:15).
- 4. **WE SERVE OTHERS** by unselfishly using our gifts and time to serve in a Cityview ministry. We prioritize the needs of others before our own while turning away for a critical spirit, self-promotion, and apathy (Phil 2:3-5,14, Mk 10:45, Rm 12:3, Gal 5:13, Mt 23:11). We use our spiritual gifts to build up and serve the church family. 1 Cor 12, 14; Eph 4:11-13).
- 5. **WE MAKE DISCIPLES** by intentionally investing in a person for their spiritual maturity. We pray, pursue, and recruit at least <u>one person</u> who we can help grow in their relationships with Christ. 2 Tm 1:2. We strategically help a person grow in Christ by teaching and modeling obedience, by encouraging and correcting, and by forming a healthy friendship. Mt 28:19-20
- 6. **WE TELL THE WORLD** by engaging unbelievers with our testimony about Jesus. We walk in the Spirit's power and give testimony to the Gospel of Jesus Christ where we live, work, and travel (Acts 1:8, Rom 10:13-16). We approach people by <u>praying</u>, finding out <u>their story</u>, sharing <u>our story</u>, and then sharing <u>God's story</u>. Act 22:1-21. We invite people to church and church events.