



trinity international church

Making disciples of all nations  
Matthew 28:19

## Core Spiritual Values



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## **Background**

At Trinity, our Core Spiritual Values are those deeply held convictions that define who we are as believers in the Lord Jesus Christ and they are intended to form and shape our attitudes and actions both as individuals and as a local church seeking to do the will of God where He has placed us.

Our Core Values give direction to our goal setting, decision making, problem solving and indeed influence all our actions and attitudes regarding our relationship to one another within the body of believers and to the secular community in which we find ourselves.

We affirm six Core Values which serve as a daily guide for our walk with Jesus Christ, namely;

**Biblical Authority**

**Prayer**

**Worship**

**Caring Relationships**

**Discipleship**

**Evangelism**

## **Biblical Authority**

We value the Holy Bible as the inspired, inerrant, infallible Word of God and as the sole and final authority for faith and practice and for everything our church believes and does.

We treasure the central truth in scripture regarding the deity of the Lord Jesus Christ, who came to redeem us through the uniqueness of His death on the cross and resurrection and through whom we have the only way to be accepted by God the Father.

With the guidance of the Holy Spirit we preach and teach the Word of God and we proclaim and exalt Jesus as our Lord and Savior. We are guided by the witness of the Holy Bible in proclaiming that “All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that all God’s people may be thoroughly equipped for every good work” (2 Tim 3:16-17). Our members should be striving to live out God’s Word daily. Learning and living the Bible should be natural and normal to our church.

## Prayer

We are committed to making prayer a central focus of our church. We value prayer as the primary work of God's people and vital in our relationship with God. Powerful, persistent, passionate and prevailing prayer should precede and permeate every work of ministry we undertake for the sake of God's kingdom.

“Pray continually”, 1 Thessalonians 5:17

It is in the intimacy of our personal prayer life that God meets us at the core of our being and through the Holy Spirit guides us in the direction He wants us to go.

It is in our corporate prayer life that when we pray in harmony with others we discover how God uses and directs our prayers through the Holy Spirit for the advancement of His kingdom. As we pray together it binds us in love and in unity of purpose.

We acknowledge that we are called to pray for one another, for the advancement of the Gospel both in our local community and around the world and for the infilling of the Holy Spirit to empower us both as individuals and as a church to do the work of ministry.

## Worship

We value the tradition of Christ-centered worship with the ultimate purpose to glorify God in all that we think, say and do. This is the core and true purpose and ultimate reason for which everything was made. The call is to worship in spirit and in truth.

We follow the biblical principle to meet together for worship. Times of worship may include music, singing, praying, Bible reading and preaching, celebrating communion and giving. Worship also overflows into our everyday lives including fellowship with other believers and contacts with the world. Just as Christ loved us and gave Himself for us so we seek to honor Him by extending love to all those around us and serving them through prayer, teaching and acts of kindness, not expecting anything in return.

*“Worship the Lord your God and serve Him only”,*  
Luke 4:8

Worship is one way to express our love, gratitude and honor for God particularly for what He has done for us in Christ Jesus. It is a dedication to the activity of worship, consumed with a desire to devote ourselves to *doing good* to all, *sharing* our blessings with all, and *praising God*, who is the source of all goodness and every blessing in Christ Jesus.

## **Caring Relationships**

We value the community of the church based solely on our shared faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. As Christians we are more effective in living out our faith when we practice it as part of a community of believers as we love and serve each other and as we reach out to the world around us. Jesus said,

*“May they be brought to complete unity to let the world know that you sent Me and have loved them, even as you have loved Me”* John. 17:23.

Being a church that is made up of diverse nationalities, denominations, personalities and giftedness and knowing that we are one in Christ, we are encouraged by Romans 12: 9-18, to show brotherly love, rejoice with one another, show hospitality, prefer one another and to be at peace with each other.

Our diversity enriches our gathering together for worship and fellowship. Our serving together is enhanced as we share our individual experiences and giftedness. Through recognizing and combining each other's uniqueness we are helped towards becoming more effective in how we serve and care for each other and also in how we extend our Christian service to our neighbours.

## **Discipleship**

We are committed to equipping, encouraging and growing believers as they practice their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. We seek to bring each member to spiritual maturity through understanding what it means to be a follower of Jesus. We emphasize the nurturing function of the church whereby personal experience in faith is sustained and dynamic. All believers should be learning, growing and maturing as Christ lives His life through them.

The teaching of the Word and the mentoring and encouraging of one another is essential in us developing a deeper relationship in our individual walk with the Lord so that we may bear much fruit for Him. Every Christian should be growing in grace and the knowledge of Christ.

## Evangelism

We strongly adhere to the Great Commission of Matt. 28: 19 through personal evangelism, community outreach and the sending out of well-equipped persons for service to the world. We live in the time between Jesus' ascension and His imminent return. This brings a sense of urgency to our task of proclaiming Christ *until* He comes! We are admonished to make the most of every opportunity and our individual lives should reflect the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. (Col 4: 4-6)

God in His providence has planted Trinity Church in this international community in The Hague. We want to live up to the expectations God has for our church and let everyone know who Jesus is. With single-minded passion we want to both know Jesus and make Him known wherever God has placed us, both as individuals and as a local church. Our passion is in how much we can grow the body of Christ in the world.

All Christians have the responsibility of sharing their faith. We encourage and help members to discover and use their own way of witnessing.

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