We Are: Part 4 – Our Values February 26, 2023

HOW CAN WE CREATE A CULTURE THAT WILL CHANGE OUR CITY?

Our vision: BCF Church a "city on a hill", a light to the city of Brownsville, a safe place to come for healing, freedom, and new beginning. Shine your light!

Our purpose: We exist to invite those who don't usually go to church, and to help them become fully transformed followers of Christ.

Our mission: The people of Brownsville, TX. Those who don't usually go to church. Reach the people in your circles.

1. Stay healthy.

I hope... that you are as healthy in body as you are strong in spirit. (3 John 2, New Living Translation)

Personal Evaluation Question:

What am I doing right now to stay healthy spiritually, mentally, emotionally, physically?

2. Work together with respect.

Make me truly happy by agreeing wholeheartedly with each other, loving one another, and working together with one mind and purpose Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves. Don't look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too. You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had. (Philippians 2:2–5, NLT)

Personal Evaluation Question:

How can I communicate respect to my church family this week with my words, my actions, and my time?

3. Protect our unity in communication.

I pray that they will all be one, just as you and I are one—as you are in me, Father, and I am in you. And may they be in us so that the world will believe you sent me. (John 17:21, NLT)

Personal Evaluation Question:

Are there any unresolved hurts between me and another member of our church?

4. Empower next generation leaders.

The pastors and teachers. Their responsibility is to equip God's people to do his work and build up the church, the body of Christ. (Ephesians 4:11–12, NLT)

Personal Evaluation Question:

Who can I bring alongside me to do what I am doing right now?

5. Strive for improvement.

I don't mean to say that... I have already reached perfection. . . . But I focus on this one thing: Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead, I press on to reach the end of the race and receive the heavenly prize for which God, through Christ Jesus, is calling us. (Philippians 3:12–14, NLT)

Personal Evaluation Question:

What can I try this week to make BCF church better?

6. Aim for <u>Authenticity</u>.

If we claim we have no sin, we are only fooling ourselves and not living in the truth. (1 John 1:8, NLT)

Personal Evaluation Question:

Is there anything I'm dealing with right now that I haven't shared with a trusted, Godly friend?

7. Have <u>FUN</u>!

A cheerful heart is good medicine, but a broken spirit saps a person's strength. (Proverbs 17:22, NLT)

Personal Evaluation Question:

What can I do to have fun with God's people this week?

Final Thought: Which of these values will you put into practice first?