

# CORE VALUES

## The Things We Really Believe Are Important

Discussion Guide  
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Sermon Title

**Mission & Vision**

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### Sermon Outline

- I. Proclaiming the full message of God's Good News to the diverse cultures of McHenry and surrounding communities
  - A. **Full message:** Jesus Christ is Savior, Sanctifier, Healer, & Coming King
  - B. **Good News:** a righteousness from God is offered on the basis of faith (Romans 1:16-17) (Especially needed in a strongly Catholic community)
  - C. **Diverse cultures:** everyone has the right to hear regardless of origin
- II. Discipling believers in living the deeper Christian life
  - A. What is the *deeper Christian life*?
  - B. Christ in me the hope of glory (Colossians 1:27)
  - C. We are not meant to live for Him, but *IN* Him and *BY* Him...He, in turn, lives through us by faith (Galatians 2:20)
  - D. We enter this *deeper life* and the **Sabbath Rest of God** usually in a distinct crisis that occurs because we have become exhausted with our own efforts to be *good Christians* and we recognize our need to be filled with the Holy Spirit who wants to do all *IN* and *THROUGH* us.
  - E. This message is one of our distinguishing characteristics...it specifically expresses a crisis of the spiritual life *subsequent* to salvation involving an *experiential death to self and full surrender* followed by the initial *baptism of the Holy Spirit* filling us completely *resulting in power for holy living and effective service* rather than outward signs as the evidence of its accomplishment.
- III. Equipping His people for the work of ministry
  - A. A.W. Tozer wrote, "No one can worship God in spirit and truth for long before the obligation to holy service becomes too strong to resist."
  - B. Jesus Christ employs every single member of His body in the work of the harvest and the discipling of fellow believers. No one is exempt from the ministry. A Christian who merely attends a church service once a week with out being actively involved in the life of the body and the work of the ministry is unknown to the New Testament concept of being a Christ-follower.
  - C. The primary role of spiritual leadership is to assist every single believer in coming to an understanding of how the Holy Spirit has gifted them and how those gifts are to be used in serving the body of Christ and witnessing to unbelievers.
- IV. Demonstrating the unconditional love of Jesus to our community through meaningful acts of service

We believe that unbelievers are first attracted to the message of the Gospel when we address their practical needs and demonstrate that we highly value them as precious individuals created in the image of God. Through service administered in unconditional love we draw attention to the miraculous power of the Gospel to transform lives and gain permission to explain the hope that is in us through Jesus Christ.

*"And how is it that we each hear them in our own language to which we were born? ... we hear them in our own tongues speaking of the mighty deeds of God."*  
Acts 2: 8, 11

*and pray on my behalf, that utterance may be given to me in the opening of my mouth, to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, ...*  
Ephesians 6: 19

*Therefore encourage one another and build up one another, just as you also are doing.*  
I Thessalonians 5: 11

*And if I give all my possessions to feed the poor, and if I surrender my body to be burned, but do not have love, it profits me nothing.*  
I Corinthians 13: 3

*"Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit,<sup>20</sup> teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."*  
Matthew 28: 19-20

## QUESTIONS:

1. What is the **Fourfold Gospel** of the Christian & Missionary Alliance?
2. Who is the central character in the message of the full gospel?
3. Describe in your own words the essence of the **deeper life** in Christ.
4. What is the evidence of having been filled with the Holy Spirit?
5. Why is *ministry* or *service* the duty of every Christ-follower?
6. What is the primary role of spiritual leadership in the Church?
7. Whose ministry responsibility is it to counsel people in distress (physical or emotional), assist the weak, visit the sick, pray for those in need, follow-up visitors and absentees, witness the Gospel message, and model the Christ life?
8. How are you (personally) doing in these four mission/vision areas?

## NOTES:

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### God's Vision and Mission for the Alliance Bible Church

The Alliance Bible Church is a multi-cultural church celebrating the life of Christ in us by:

- Proclaiming the full message of God's Good News to the diverse cultures of McHenry and surrounding communities,
- Discipling believers in living the deeper Christian life,
- Equipping His people for the work of ministry, and
- Demonstrating the unconditional love of Jesus to our community through meaningful acts of service.

## OUR CORE VALUES

- **Celebrating the Lordship of Jesus Christ through corporate worship in two languages.**
- **Boldly proclaiming the fullness of His Gospel: Jesus as Savior, Sanctifier, Healer, and Coming King.**
- **Building up one another in love through small group community, prayer, and discipleship.**
- **Serving the community through meaningful acts of loving service.**
- **Obeying the call of the Great Commission through sacrificial support of missions of every kind.**



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