

Seven Distinctives of Calvary Chapel Chelmsford/Manchester
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1. A simple and relational approach to church life.
 - And they devoted themselves to the apostles teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers...attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes...the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved. Acts 2:42-47
2. Expository (verse by verse) Bible Teaching.
 - For I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of God. Acts 20:27
 - They read from the Law of God, clearly, and they gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. Nehemiah 8:8
3. Holy Spirit empowered ministry with emotional balance.
 - Earnestly desire to prophesy, and do not forbid speaking in tongues. But all things should be done decently and in order. 1 Corinthians 14:39-40
4. The church and its leaders are called to be servants and equip the people.
 - And he gave...to equip the saints for the work of ministry for building up the body of Christ. Ephesians 4:11-12
5. Partnering with others in Gospel ministry – locally, regionally, internationally.
 - Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. Have this mind among yourselves.... Philippians 2:4-5
6. Integrational Ministry – all the generations participate.
 - For as one body we have many members and the members do not all have the same function, so we though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one another. Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them. Romans 12:4-6
7. Pastor led church government with appointed board, elders, and other leaders.
 - Shepherd (poimen) the flock of God that is among you, exercising oversight (episkopos), not under compulsion, but willingly, as God would have you, not for shameful gain but eagerly. 1 Peter 5:2
 - For a bishop (episcopos) must be blameless, as a steward (oikonomos) of God, not self-willed, not quick-tempered, not given to wine, not violent, not greedy for money. Titus 1:7
 - For this reason, I left you in Crete, that you should set in order the things that are lacking and appoint elders (presbuteros) in every city as I commanded you. Titus 1:5