

- **BIBLICAL TRUTH** because the Bible is God's written revelation of Himself & of the truths that transform us & empower us to live in/for Him. (2 Tim 3:14-17, Heb 4:12-13)
All of our values, beliefs, and teachings flow out of a sincere desire and effort to deal truthfully, accurately, and systematically with God's word, the Bible.
- **TRANSFORMATION** because a relationship with Jesus Christ is life-changing, initially & continually, inwardly & outwardly; God uses our changed lives to transform others. (2 Cor 3:18, 5:17)
- **RELATIONSHIPS** because God designed us for relationship with him and one another; Jesus radically impacted the world through a few people with whom He cultivated intimate relationships. (Gen 2:18, 2 Cor 5:18-20, John 1:12-13, John 15:15, John 13:35, Acts 4:13)
- **SERVING** because Jesus chose to reveal Himself to people and begin a relationship with them by serving their needs and He has called us to follow his example. (Mark 10:45, Luke 10:9, John 13:3-12)
- **KINGDOM FOCUS** because serving Christ means advancing His interests and agenda—not our own—throughout the world, not merely in our own life or our own church. (Matthew 28:19-20, Acts 1:8)
- **FAMILY** because it was God's first institution, created even before the church; it is the basic building block of society & the primary means of passing on truth & values to the next generations. (Gen 2:18-24, Deut 6:6-7, Ps 78:1-4, Eph 6:4)