

# **Values**

## **Healthy Identities**

### *Worshippers*

Local churches are created as worshipers of God to reflect His character, gather to worship Him together, and serve Him above all else. They must be centered upon Jesus and the Gospel in all they do, and they are to find their power in the Spirit.

### *Family*

Local churches are created as family with one another. The community of believers is called to sacrificially love and serve one another, bear one another's burdens, forgive one another, encourage one another, and even rebuke one another.

### *Missionaries*

Local churches are created as missionaries to the world. Every church is called to make disciples faithfully and boldly in her local context and to partner in missions efforts to make disciples of all nations.

## **Healthy Foundations**

### *Gospel*

The good news about Jesus must be the center of every local church. Believing and applying the Gospel is our only hope for salvation and church revitalization. Churches must never move on from the Gospel but be saturated by it.

### *Scripture*

Scripture is the inerrant, inspired Word of God. The Bible is the sufficient source for life and godliness as well as for the revitalization and replanting of churches. Thus, the faithful, clear preaching of God's Word is essential.

### *Prayer*

God intends to do greater works through us than Jesus did (John 14:12-14), and prayer is the primary means by which He keeps us reliant upon Him and enables us to do His works in power. The Spirit empowers revitalization through prayer.

## **Healthy Structure**

### *Leadership*

While every church member is a minister, God gifts the church with pastors as servant leaders who provide oversight of souls, sound preaching, godly examples, and overarching leadership and direction for the church. Also, God provides deacons as leading servants to care for the church's unity and physical needs.

### *Membership*

Every believer is called to covenant with a local church through membership in order to live out the one another commands of the New Testament, submit to specific pastors' leadership, and be accountable to a particular congregation as they seek to persevere together in pursuing holiness and God's mission.

### *Discipleship*

From evangelizing the lost to building up the saints, churches are called to make disciples, and healthy churches will have intentional strategies and structures to involve people in discipleship no matter where they are on their spiritual journey.