

# This Is Us

exploring the culture of northview community church

## **Scripture Centred | September 1, 2019 || January 12, 2020**

We believe that Scripture, understood through the person of Jesus, should be at the centre of who we are and what we are to do. By doing this we ensure that we remain kingdom focused (Luke 24:27; 2 Timothy 3:16–17).

*Am I truly placing God's word at the centre of my life and ministry daily?*

## **Missionally Minded | September 8, 2019 || January 19, 2020**

We believe that mission is the reason for the church's existence. Scripture describes God's great mission to redeem and renew all of his creation, particularly humanity. God has called us to participate in that mission, in the power and under the direction of the Holy Spirit. (Matthew 28:18–20; John 20:21; Acts 1:8).

*Am I engaging in God's mission within my sphere of influence?*

## **Community Oriented | September 15, 2019 || January 26, 2020**

We believe the community called church is a new family. This means we intentionally invite people to become a part of our life together. As well, we foster an environment in which we openly share what is happening in our lives with each other and seek to respond to each other with love and concern. We also seek to be a place of healing for all people (Mark 3:34–35; Acts 2:44–45; James 2:15–17, 5:13–16).

*Am I fully participating in this new community called the church?*

## **Discipleship Focused | September 22, 2019 || February 2, 2020**

We believe that God is transforming us into the image of his Son. This means that we are intentionally submitting ourselves to be re-formed through daily practices that lead to spiritual growth. We also recognize that at the heart of our mission as a church, we are to disciple others through those same daily practices (Matthew 28:18–20; Romans 12:2).

*Am I intentionally being disciplined and am I engaged in discipling others?*

## **Spiritually Equipped | September 29, 2019 || February 9, 2020**

We believe that God has gifted his body of believers, men and women equally, for the work of discipling and mission. Every believer has been equipped by God's Spirit to build up the body and/or to do works of service for the world. Everyone is encouraged to discover their gifts and share them to the best of their ability (Romans 12:4–8; 1 Corinthians 12:1–11; Ephesians 4:11–13).

*Am I aware of what my gifts are and am I sharing them for the building up of the body or the mission of the church?*

## **Prayer Dependent | October 6, 2019 || February 16, 2020**

We believe that prayer is essential to following after God. Like Jesus, we need frequent times when we are seeking God for a reaffirmation of our identity as God's people and a reminder of our mission. Like Scripture, prayer is a major discipline for our corporate body (Matthew 6:9–13; Mark 1:35; Acts 4:23–31).

*Am I seeking God for direction in the life of our church?*

## **Worship Driven | October 13, 2019 || February 23, 2020**

We believe that authentic worship is everything that honours God. Worshiping God is the greatest fulfilment of our vocation to be bearers of God's image. Worship is an individual and corporate whole life offering which is grounded in our regular gathering for that purpose. Worship is about God first and last (Genesis 1:26–30; Exodus 20:1–17; Deuteronomy 6:4–5; Romans 12:1).

*Am I worshipping God for who He is and what He's done, is doing, and will do?*