

## Church Visioning Forum 2 - VALUES ([date], 11.30am – 1.30pm)

**Need:** workbooks, ppt presentation, pens/pencils, laptop, connector, A3 paper, textas, projector pages to tally feedback, Refining our Purpose box, core 5 flyers, Blended Ecology flyers.

**Technical setup** - laptop from front to screen; roving microphones [name]; room set-up [name]

**Room setup:** 6-8 chairs around tables (leader at each table); workbooks, A3 paper, textas, pens on tables

Time	Content	Need	Who
11.30 15 min	<b>Welcome, review foundational concepts &amp; pray around tables</b> <b>3 questions:</b> Churches need to have an <u>honest picture</u> of who they are Churches need to have <u>shared vision</u> of where they are going They need to have a <u>clear understanding</u> of the next steps.. <b>3 assumptions:</b> <u>Healthy Churches grow!</u> numerical, spiritual, financial, emotional. The <u>Holy Spirit</u> causes churches to grow, not these seminars! <u>Prayer</u> is foundational for any healthy church. <b>Train Diagram:</b> definitions	slides, workbook	
11.45 15 min	<b>Report back on Purpose Statement draft</b> a. <u>Review</u> process so far: looked at Bible verses and identified elements we thought should be included, VT drafted some statements. Guiding principles: - <u>short, simple, concise</u> - but also <u>complete</u> - avoiding religious language - considerations of audience No statement will perfectly satisfy all preferences, but do want further feedback on the drafts: b. Refer <u>tear-off page</u> at back & <i>choose 1 draft statement then state what they like &amp; how it might be improved? (individually)</i> c. Give a <u>couple of minutes</u> to complete. <u>Collect</u> those that are ready. For those who want more time, please deposit in the designated box in the foyer by <b>next Sun [date]</b> latest. d. This should give us what we need so VT can prepare <u>final draft</u> for our prayer & consideration for final adoption.	slides, tear off page	
12.00 10 min	<b>Report back on Life-Cycle &amp; Critical Issues</b> <b>a) Life-cycle</b> - show ppt indicating how many people indicated each stage Key Q: <u>are we seeking to adopt the right strategies for our stage?</u> - <i>Don't apply a band-aid when reconstruction surgery is required.</i> There's no gain for underestimating decline - no penalty for overestimating decline. >>We see ourselves as [stage] – this means...[impetus for change?] <b>b) Critical Issues</b> - we compiled a <u>full list</u> of issues people believe the church will need to face over the next 2 years - obviously different comments reflect the <u>priorities &amp; personality</u> of those commenting: some more optimistic & others less so - review <u>summary of themes</u> that emerged	slides, workbook	
12.10 15 min	<b>Baptist 'core 5' values</b> - refer flyers - Can we affirm these? <i>We're working to clarify our distinctive or 'core 3' values but can we also affirm these values as ones with which we more broadly identify?</i> - individually complete questions in workbook - invite reflections back to large group - shared ideas on screen - Ask: <i>Can we affirm the 'core 5' values of the Baptist movement (as an expression of the broader values we hold, &amp; in a way that acknowledges we are a part of this broader movement?</i> Respond 1 = strongly opposed, to 5 = enthusiastic agreement. In between reflects degree of reservation.	slides, flyers, workbook, A3 paper, textas, computer page for feedback	
12.25 30 min	<b>Values Refinement</b> - <u>review page</u> : def'n, aim, form, real vs aspirational (missing) values	slides, workbook, A3 paper,	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- report on <u>top 9 values</u> discovered in CVM1</li> <li>- any we <u>need to add</u> from good memories (came thru strongly)?</li> <li>- <u>Values banner</u> - individually choose your top 3, share in small groups &amp; top 3 onto group banner, group banners up front &amp; top 3 selected for single banner, most repeated one in centre.</li> <li>- you also have the <u>option</u> of identifying up to 2 '<u>missing</u>' values each (under your banner) individually, then group, then for the single 'large group' banner. <u>Only write them down</u> if you believe your convictions are real enough to drive you to <u>action</u>. Avoid wishful thinking or pretending.</li> </ul>	textas, computer page for feedback	
12.55 10 min	<b>Negative Values</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Review tear-off page</li> <li>- <u>Pray protection</u> for the group &amp; ask the Holy Spirit to bring to mind one or two aspects He would have us identify.</li> <li>- This is to be <u>anonymous</u> - don't put your name on the sheet</li> <li>- After a <u>few minutes</u> please tear off page, fold in two &amp; hand in</li> </ul>	slide, tear-off page	
1.05 10 min	<b>Growth options: Congregational Sizes &amp; Blended Ecology</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- different size churches require church life to operate in different ways - growth requires change</li> <li>- there is no one right kind of church - blended ecology overview</li> </ul> <p><i>Key Q: Is God calling us to grow in size or to send?</i></p>	slides, workbook	
1.15 15 min	<b>Vision exercise: What might the Church look like in 5 Years Time?</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- complete individually: what you expect more than what you dream</li> <li>- feedback to large group, record shared expectations on screen</li> <li>- score 5 aspects (size, feeling, location, etc) by show of hands, on screen (aimed at taking 'temp' ie. how optimistic / pessimistic)</li> <li>- <u>if time</u>, small groups record shared dreams, then submit page or share with large group to record on screen.</li> <li>- <u>if further time</u>, from this list (try to limit to 8-9 items), everyone can make 3 votes of what they think God wants for the future</li> </ul>	slides, workbook, A3 paper, textas, computer page ready for feedback	
1.30pm	<b>Close in prayer</b>		

#### Follow-up

- visioning team attempt final draft of purpose statement based on feedback, to seek affirmation at next CVM
- visioning team attempt to draft options for values statement, and distribute for feedback or await next CVM: taking into account core values, missing values, negative values.
- visioning team seek to discern any common themes emerging for the vision.