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Guiding Principles

Our mission is to be Christ's family, transforming lives and culture. In order to do that well, we have to engage with the culture around us.

When we, as a visioning team, entered into conversation about core values, engaging culture was an emphasis we felt had to be represented. Out of that conversation, this value emerged:

BEING MISSIONAL MEANS INTENTIONALLY ENGAGING WITH THE BROADER CULTURE WITH A FOCUS ON CHRIST'S REDEMPTION AND RESTORATION.

Engaging with the world around us means listening to our culture with a spirit of understanding and discernment. We don't adopt the values and principles of our culture, many of which are in conflict with the Word of God, rather we hold our values and principles in contrast to our culture's. But in order to understand, we have to engage. This is the model that Jesus laid out for us in his ministry. He spent time with people so that he could love them. He brought grace, and healing, and hope. As a community we need to be intentional as we discern how to be missional in our context. We know that we are sent people, and our being sent is for the purpose of carrying on Jesus work. It's not about being ready but being willing. Let us be willing to engage so that we can transform our culture for the sake of the glory of God. *That's my nickel* –
Pastor Kevin VanderVeen