

## Section 4. Church Culture

**We seek to create a culture of \_\_\_\_\_ to Jesus.** God initiates. We respond. (Genesis 15 & Ephesians 1)

**1. We respond through \_\_\_\_\_ to Jesus.** We don't want to live as rebellious people. (Romans 10:9; 1 John 1:9)

**2. We respond through baptism as a \_\_\_\_\_ of submission.** We don't want to say "I submit to you Jesus," and then belittle the first thing he tells us to do. (Acts 2:38 & Col 2:12)

**3. We respond through \_\_\_\_\_ in our finances and personal comforts.** We don't want to be stingy people who give only when it is easy and convenient. (Proverbs 3:9-10; 2 Cor 8-9)

**4. We respond through \_\_\_\_\_ reflection on the body and blood of Jesus through communion.** We don't want to be a people who forget that atonement came through the death and gruesome torture of the Son of God. (Matthew 26:26-29)

**5. We respond through communion with one another on a \_\_\_\_\_ basis as family.** We do not want to be people with only surface level relationships. (This does not mean that we expect everyone to have the same level of friendship) (Acts 2:42-48)

**6. We respond through \_\_\_\_\_ as an act of worship to Jesus Christ.** Should we sin, we will seek help by immediately confessing our sin to brothers or sisters around us. We don't want to be a people who live in darkness instead of light. (1 John 1:5-10)

**7. We respond through living in \_\_\_\_\_ at the beauty and splendor of the trinitarian God.** We don't want to reduce God to something we have figured out. (1 Corinthians 2)

**8. We respond through \_\_\_\_\_ ourselves in the Truth of God's word.** We don't want to be a people who intake the word of God sparingly. (Psalm 1, Joshua 1:8)

**9. We respond through \_\_\_\_\_ needs and filling them.** We don't want to be a people who are waiting around for a "special call" in order to fill a need. (Phil 4:10-20)

**10. We respond through praying \_\_\_\_\_ for divine intervention.** We don't want to be self-reliant religious people who rely on our own power and prowess. (Zechariah 4:6)

**11. We respond through \_\_\_\_\_ in the work of Jesus.** We don't want to presume that God needs us in order to fulfill his plans. Rather, we rest in the blessing of getting to participate in His plans. (Hebrews 4:1-14)

**12. We respond through \_\_\_\_\_ the Gospel to those around us.** We don't want to be self-focused people who fail to join God in the work he is already doing in the lives of the people around us. (Matthew 28 16-20)