



Albury Presbyterian Churches

growing followers of Jesus





core value:
hearing

- **BEFORE** the growth group gathers

What do you value about the Bible? How is that expressed in your life?

Read the following passages of scripture. For each scripture, consider what you learn about God's word and our response to what he says.

Psalm 19.7-11

Colossians 3.15-16

2Timothy 3.14-17

Hebrews 1.1-4

Hebrews 4.12-13

• **WHEN the growth group gathers**

1. Share with one another what you learnt from the passages.

Our Core value of hearing is expressed like this:-

We delight in hearing God speak to us in his living word, the Bible. We hear & obey the Word of God as the Bible is read, preached, taught & spoken.

2. Discuss what is important in this core value.

3. Discuss how this core value relates to the Scriptures you read.

4. Discuss how this core value should shape us as the churches of Albury Presbyterian.

5. Discuss what APC might look like if we didn't share this core value.

6. Discuss how this core value should shape each of us individually.

Pray for one another and for the churches of APC that we would rightly delight in hearing him speak and that in hearing we would gladly trust & obey



core value:
praying

- **BEFORE** the growth group gathers

What does prayer mean to you? What is the shape of your prayer life?

Read the following passages of scripture. For each scripture, consider what you learn about prayer and how we should pray.

Matthew 6.9-13

Ephesians 6.18

Philippians 4.4-7

1John 1.8-9

• **WHEN the growth group gathers**

1. Share with one another what you learnt from the passages.

Our Core value of praying is expressed like this:-

We delight in praying to God our Father expressing our dependence on his gracious sovereignty. We find great joy in approaching God our Father with confidence through Jesus by the Spirit in adoration, confession, thanksgiving & request.

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4. Discuss how this core value should shape us as the churches of Albury Presbyterian.
5. Discuss what APC might look like if we didn't share this core value.
6. Discuss how this core value should shape each of us individually.

Pray for one another and for the churches of APC that we would rightly delight in praying to our God rightly.



core value:
gathering

- **BEFORE** the growth group gathers

Why do you think God's good plan is for his people to gather? What does gathering with God's people look like in your life?

Read the following passages of scripture. For each scripture, consider what you learn about gathering.

Ephesians 4.11-16

1Thessalonians 5.11

Hebrews 10.19-25

Revelation 7.9-17

• **WHEN the growth group gathers**

1. Share with one another what you learnt from the passages.

Our Core value of gathering is expressed like this:-

We delight in gathering as God's family to worship him, hearing & responding to his Word. We gather to encourage one another to grow as followers of Jesus. In our gathering we anticipate the eternal gathering before the throne of God as a great multitude from every tribe, people, language & nation saved by Christ Jesus.

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4. Discuss how this core value should shape us as the churches of Albury Presbyterian.
5. Discuss what APC might look like if we didn't share this core value.
6. Discuss how this core value should shape each of us individually.

Pray for one another and for the churches of APC that we would rightly delight in gathering as God's family.



core value:
speaking

• **BEFORE** the growth group gathers

What does it mean to you to have relationship with the speaking God? What part does speaking play in your relationships?

Read the following passages of scripture. For each scripture, consider what you learn about speaking.

John 3.16-18

Romans 1.16-17, 3.21-26, 10.9-15

Ephesians 4.15-16

Colossians 3.15-16

2 Timothy 4.2-5

1 Peter 3.15, 4.11

• **WHEN the growth group gathers**

1. Share with one another what you learnt from the passages.

Our Core value of speaking is expressed like this:-

We delight in speaking God's powerful Word to each other and to outsiders. As followers of Jesus we are called to speak the truth in love reaching out to the lost and building up believers.

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3. Discuss how this core value relates to the Scriptures you read.
4. Discuss how this core value should shape us as the churches of Albury Presbyterian.
5. Discuss what APC might look like if we didn't share this core value.
6. Discuss how this core value should shape each of us individually.

Pray for one another and for the churches of APC that we would rightly delight in speaking God's powerful word.



core value:
loving

- **BEFORE** the growth group gathers

What does it mean to you to have relationship with the loving God? How is love expressed in your life?

Read the following passages of scripture. For each scripture, consider what you learn about loving.

Luke 10.27

1 Corinthians 13

Galatians 6.10

James 1.27

1 Peter 4.7-11

1 John 3.16-18

• **WHEN the growth group gathers**

1. Share with one another what you learnt from the passages.

Our Core value of loving is expressed like this:-

We delight in loving others and so reflecting the God who is love. God calls us to use our gifts, our time and resources to serve and care for one another and the world. As followers of Jesus we prize love, justice and mercy.

2. Discuss what is important in this core value.

3. Discuss how this core value relates to the Scriptures you read.

4. Discuss how this core value should shape us as the churches of Albury Presbyterian.

5. Discuss what APC might look like if we didn't share this core value.

6. Discuss how this core value should shape each of us individually.

Pray for one another and for the churches of APC that we would rightly delight in loving others.



core value:
living

• **BEFORE** the growth group gathers

What are your expectations about 'living for God'? In what ways has God changed the way you would otherwise live?

Read the following passages of scripture. For each scripture, consider what you learn about living.

John 10.7-11

John 11.25-26

Galatians 5.22-24

Ephesians 2.1-10

Ephesians 4.21-24

Colossians 3.12-14

• **WHEN the growth group gathers**

1. Share with one another what you learnt from the passages.

Our Core value of living is expressed like this:-

We delight in living out the new life that Christ Jesus has won for us through his death and resurrection. We live by his Spirit as he transforms us into his likeness, producing his fruit in our lives.

2. Discuss what is important in this core value.

3. Discuss how this core value relates to the Scriptures you read.

4. Discuss how this core value should shape us as the churches of Albury Presbyterian.

5. Discuss what APC might look like if we didn't share this core value.

6. Discuss how this core value should shape each of us individually.

Pray for one another and for the churches of APC that we would rightly delight in in living out the new life Christ Jesus has won for us.



core value:
training

- **BEFORE** the growth group gathers

What value do you see in training? What part are you currently playing in training yourself and others to better serve Jesus and his people?

Read the following passages of scripture. For each scripture, consider what you learn about training.

Matthew 28.18-20

Ephesians 4.11-16

1Timothy 4.6-10

2Timothy 3.10-17

2 Timothy 2.2

• **WHEN the growth group gathers**

1. Share with one another what you learnt from the passages.

Our Core value of training is expressed like this:-

We delight in training each other to better serve Jesus and his people. We deliberately equip followers of Jesus to be disciple-making disciples both here and afar.

2. Discuss what is important in this core value.

3. Discuss how this core value relates to the Scriptures you read.

4. Discuss how this core value should shape us as the churches of Albury Presbyterian.

5. Discuss what APC might look like if we didn't share this core value.

6. Discuss how this core value should shape each of us individually.

Pray for one another and for the churches of APC that we would rightly delight in training each other to better serve Jesus and his people.



core value: multiplying

- **BEFORE** the growth group gathers

What value do you see in multiplying the gatherings of God's family throughout the Albury-Wodonga region? What are you doing now and what might it mean in the future for you to participate in the multiplication of the gatherings of God's family?

Read the following passages of scripture. For each scripture, consider what you learn about multiplying.

Matthew 9.37-38

1 Corinthians 3.6-9

1 Corinthians 9.19-23

Colossians 1.28-29

• **WHEN the growth group gathers**

1. Share with one another what you learnt from the passages.

Our Core value of training is expressed like this:-

We delight in multiplying our gatherings of God's family. We are committed to "growing big by staying small", planting and nurturing new family gatherings as God's Word and Spirit brings growth.

2. Discuss what is important in this core value.

3. Discuss how this core value relates to the Scriptures you read.

4. Discuss how this core value should shape us as the churches of Albury Presbyterian.

5. Discuss what APC might look like if we didn't share this core value.

6. Discuss how this core value should shape each of us individually.

Pray for one another and for the churches of APC that we would rightly delight in in multiplying our gatherings of God's family as God brings gospel growth.