

DCV #2: Cityview Family Priorities

1. **WE LEARN TO ABIDE IN CHRIST** – Jesus calls us to follow Him as Lord and Savior. By Spirit rebirth we are adopted into a very personal relationship with our Creator. We experience the grace of God through dependency and humility in the context of Sunday worship, church groups, and privately in Scripture and prayer. Knowing God is transformative, not just informative. This process is daily mind renewal and repentance (Jn 3 & 15; Eph 1:20-23, Mt 6:33, Acts 2:42, 9:31, Eph 4:11-13, Rom 12:1,2, 2 Tim 2:22).

“The gospel is this: We are more sinful and flawed in ourselves than we ever dared believe, yet at the very same time we are more loved and accepted in Jesus Christ than we ever dared hope.”

2. **WE LEARN TO LOVE OTHERS** – Jesus calls us to love each other as He loves us (especially loving our enemies). We develop this love in the context of the church family in both large and small group settings. The standard of love is patience and kindness, and love is the distinguishing feature of being a Christ-follower. Learning this love also involves personal inventory, confession, repentance, forgiveness, making amends, and reconciliation (Heb 10:24-25, Prov 18:1, Jn 13:34-35, Rm 12:9-18, Jm 5:16, Eph 4:32, Rm 12:17-18, Mt 5:24, Mt 18:15).
3. **WE LEARN TO SERVE OTHERS** – Jesus tells us that greatness in His Kingdom means being the servant of all - the opposite of cultural standards and what our sinful natures desire. Scripture tells us that serving God’s family (church) with our gifts is a priority (Phil 2:3-5,14, Mk 10:45, Rm 12:3, Gal 5:13, Mt 23:11,1 Cor 12, 14; Eph 4:11-13).
4. **WE LEARN TO GIVE GENEROUSLY** – We honor the Lord by cheerfully giving the first part of our income - acknowledging that He is the Provider and Priority (1 Cor 9:6-7,16:2, Prov 6:9-10).
5. **WE LEARN TO MAKE DISCIPLES** – Jesus gave us the mission of inviting others to follow Him through specific Gospel steps. We walk with that person through these steps of maturity (2 Tm 1:2, Mt 28:19-20)
6. **WE LEARN TO TESTIFY** – Jesus calls us to care for unbelievers and the unchurched by engaging them about their story, our personal Jesus story, and the Gospel story. (Acts 1:8, Rom 10:13-16).

As Cityview members we devote ourselves to these six New Testament priorities