

The Culture of C3i

Every church has its own feel, values, culture even character. We as a church are part of an amazing group of churches C3i. C3i is Christian City Church International. Just like the tribes of the Old Testament different groups of churches reflect different aspects of God's character in different ways. No one organization has a monopoly on the way God communicates with us.

Over the coming weeks we will look at some of the universal principles we have as an organization. Each of these principles/values/culture reflect the specific DNA of our church and C3i as a tribe of churches.

So what is our DNA of C3i?

DNA makes us what we are. Over the coming weeks we will look at the core values of C3i.

As a church we are becoming a C3i church. What does this mean? Does it change anything? Do we continue to be who we are?

In essence God has formed us and built us into a strong, vibrant and relevant church. We will see that C3i values are what we believe.

Ten values of the C3i Culture

1. We are a people of prayer. We seek the Lord. We are building the house of the Lord on a foundation of prayer.

My House shall be a house of prayer for all nations. Mark 11:17

Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions and giving of thanks be made for all men, for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our saviour. 1 Timothy 2:1

What is prayer?

Connecting with God!. We can connect with God to ask for help, to get advice, for provision, for wisdom, for guidance, comfort and a friend. The reason behind connecting with God can and will be varied.

Some people connect in different ways to God. Some like loud music, others soft. Others like country or pop music. Some like doing things others like silence.

How do we outwork this in the life of the House?

Corporate prayer - Wednesday, Saturday, and Sunday AM
- Seasons of prayer

Individual prayer - encouragement to pray and ask for God's help ALWAYS!

2. We are people of worship and praise.

There is always great worship and praise in the house of our God.

I will enter His gates with thanksgiving in my heart.

Make a joyful noise all the earth, come before His presence with singing. Psalms 100:1-2

Clap your hands all you people, shout unto God with a voice of triumph. Psalms 47:1

Give unto Him the glory due to his name. Psalms 96:8

What is worship or praise?

It's the giving of your heart to God!

It can take on different forms, types or expressions, but the central axis is of giving to God.

How do we outwork this in the life of the House?

Worship in our services

Encouragement to buy Christian music

3. We are people of faith and vision.

We are confident people. We cast the future believing we have a great positive hope and a great future.

Hebrews 11:6

Without faith it is impossible to please God, for he that comes to God must believe that He is and He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him.

Without a vision the people perish or run amuck. Proverbs 29:30

Write the vision and make it plain so that he who runs with it, runs true. Habakkuk 2:2

Being confident of this one thing, that He who begun a good work in you will complete it to the Day of Jesus Christ. Philippians 1:6

What is faith?

Faith is Confident expectation.

How do we outwork this in the life of the House?

The House Vision \u2013 to an influential church in the southern suburbs of Adelaide that impacts the local community with the presence and purpose of God.

Vibrant, relevant and contemporary

4. We are involved in the presence of God.

All of our services, our lifestyle, our way of doing life, is to have the presence of God the anointing in our lives. We make room for that. We accommodate the presence of God. To let the meetings we have the services we have breathed. We are not just going through run sheets but we allow for the moving of the Holy Spirit.

Zechariah 4:6

It is not by might nor by power but by my spirit says the Lord.

Some trust in chariots, and some in horses but we will trust in the name of the Lord.
Psalms 20:7

Where the Spirit of the Lord is there is liberty. 2 Corinthians 3:17

When the Holy Spirit comes upon you, you shall receive power and be my witnesses to the ends of the earth. Acts 1:8

The anointing breaks the yoke. Isaiah 10:27