

## Family values

Welcome to LGC. The next few pages outline our vision, values, key beliefs and convictions. If you are thinking of making us your family, from which to run your adventure for Jesus, then the following will show you our heart and values.

***Vision: “To make Encountering and Demonstrating the love of God the Adventure of a Lifetime”.***

In the encounter we are changed. And in the demonstration we bring heaven to earth. It is our desire to equip each member to live in the reality of Romans 5:17 - to be **Living Grace** for their world.

***Our Core Values and Culture: Community, Following, Influence***

We hold to these values in our mindsets, activities and ministries, to guide us as we pursue our vision. We love one another in our church Community and welcome others into our family; becoming Followers of Jesus is the central focus of each of us, looking to be with Jesus, become like Jesus and do what Jesus did; we seek to be a people who positively influence the world where ever we can with the light of God’s love.

# We Believe...

**We hold that these statements as foundational and non-negotiable.**

**There is only one true God, eternal King**, Creator of all. He is revealed to be eternally self-existent – one being in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**The Bible** is the inspired, infallible and authoritative Word of God.

**We were created by God**, in the image of God, to know and enjoy Him. Yet we chose to reject His Lordship and exchanged His glory for an imitation through which death entered the world and remains today.

**The Lord Jesus Christ, the one and only Son of God**, conceived of the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, God's Anointed One, empowered by the Holy Spirit. He was crucified for our sins, died, was buried, resurrected and ascended into heaven, and is alive today in the presence of God the Father.

**We are saved by God's grace**, through faith in the person and work of The Lord Jesus Christ. Salvation is available to all through believing in, repenting to and receiving Jesus Christ as Saviour.

**The Holy Spirit** convicts, regenerates, justifies and adopts us as God's children.

**We believe in the sanctifying power of the Holy Spirit**, by who's indwelling we are enabled to live in love, purity and power. We believe that the baptism of the Holy Spirit is available to all believers, giving power to be witnesses.

**The redemptive work of Christ on the cross** provides total forgiveness of sins and freedom from the power of the enemy.

**The church**, made up of all who put their faith in The Lord Jesus Christ, is Gods agent to carry on the ministry of Jesus and further advance His Kingdom by undoing the works of the Devil – that is, through preaching, living and demonstrating the good news of God's love.

**We believe in the ever-increasing government of God** and in the glorious, visible return of our Lord Jesus Christ for His overcoming bride, His church. Heaven and hell are real. There will be a resurrection of the saved and the lost – the former to everlasting life and the latter to everlasting death.

# Our Convictions...

**These statements are central to us and therefore non-negotiable for those wishing to be active in our family through public ministry.**

**We seek to** increasingly experience the truth of our position as sons and daughters of a Good Father, and our conformity to the likeness of Jesus Christ.

**Jesus Christ died to bring us freedom.** We do not live by rules under the threat of punishment, but by grace under a flow of love.

**Salvation through the cross of Jesus frees us from the power of the Devil** – sin, sickness, lies, condemnation and punishment.

**The Holy Spirit is received within us at new birth.** And He will also come with power upon those who seek Him, to represent Jesus on earth through spiritual gifts.

**God speaks to us today in many ways,** most often through scripture but also through prayer, visions, pictures, dreams and the prophetic blessing and encouragement of others.

**Grace, Living Grace,** is His unmerited favour but also His enabling power to reign in life. Grace gives us access into His presence and guarantees His unconditional love. Grace does not lessen Gods standards, rather empowers us supernaturally to live them out.

**What we believe will shape what we do** and grace enables everyone to be a glory carrying son or daughter of the King. We seek renewed minds.

**Our background is no hindrance to God.** Grace is the great equaliser, raising us all to a place where no one is better or above any other.

**Heaven's rule and Kingdom principles** benefit all society and the church exists to be a blessing, releasing prosperity to our city.

**We honour marriage.** God's plan is that marriage be between man and women – the only God-honoured setting for sexual union and the basis for the family. We also celebrate and honour singleness and do not view this in any way as inferior to marriage.

**The church is a place of love** where family joins together, committed to one another. We don't foster self-promotion or tolerate gossip and accusation. We do not share in discussion and debate on how other churches operate or pursue their vision.

**We worship God by at giving at least ten percent of our income to the church.** This practice came from the heart of Abraham, and Jesus told us to 'do the deeds of Abraham'. All we have comes from Him, and tithing reminds of this and helps us to steward His resources well.

**We are all one in Christ and can all carry His presence,** including children, and we encourage their ministry. Men and women were made in God's image and bring unique gifts enabling both to lead in families, ministries and churches.

**We are connected** to all who share Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour, and partner with all churches who desire to see His Kingdom Come, regardless of denomination.

**We hold honour as central to all relationships,** choosing to see the gold in one another.

**We look to create a prophetic culture** where everyone can speak the words of heaven into the lives of others. We do not use prophesy to bring condemnation. Any concerns we have over people we share lovingly through appropriate leaders.

**We believe God appoints and establishes leaders of churches,** and use the biblical model of teams to lead and bring government to the church body.

**One of the roles of leadership is to guard and protect the people,** so we do not open the pulpit to anyone and everyone, and ask for all contributions in a public setting be shared with a leader first.