

# The Culture of C3i

So what is our DNA of C3i? **'WHO ARE YOU'**

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

## 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.

**Prayer changes things –**

1 Kings 18:41- 45 - Prayer breaks drought.

**Connecting with God – the cry of the heart**

Psalms 102:1-2

Hear my prayer, O Lord,

And let my cry come to you.

Do not hide Your face from me in the day of my trouble;

Incline Your ear to me;

In the day I will call, answer me speedily.

**Psalms 61:1**

Hear my cry, O God;

Attend to my prayer.

From the end of the earth I will cry to you.

There is a cry, not necessarily with tears but it's from the heart. It calls out to God. God listens. He listens. He hears. He answers.

He is waiting for the heart to cry out to Him.

## **Connecting with God – the declaration of faith**

Psalms 23:1

The Lord is my shepherd  
I shall not want.

Psalms 46:1

God is my ever present help in the time of trouble.

Psalms 103:1-5

Bless the Lord O my soul;  
And all that is within me bless His holy name!  
Bless the Lord, O my soul.  
And forget not His benefits:  
Who forgives all your iniquities,  
Who heals all your diseases,  
Who redeems your life from destruction,  
Who crowns you with loving kindness and tender mercies,  
Who satisfies your mouth with good things,  
So that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

### **What is your declaration today?**

Ps Phil's declaration brochure.

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 this house of God?**

Corporate prayer

- First Wednesday of month
- Saturday, and Sunday AM- 9:20-9:50
- Monthly Prayer meeting – usually on Thursday nights from 7:30-9:00

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.

### **Worship opens heaven –**

#### **2 Chronicles 5:13**

#### **Psalms 65:4**

Blessed is the man You choose,  
And cause to approach You,  
That he may dwell in Your courts.  
We shall be satisfied with the goodness of Your House.

#### **Psalms 27:4**

One thing have I desired of the Lord,  
That I may seek;  
That I may dwell in the house of the Lord  
All the days of my life  
To behold the beauty of the Lord,  
And to inquire in His temple.

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

Worship in our services

Encouragement to buy Christian music

Spending time alone with God. ***You cant worship something unless it is your sole focus.***

### **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

Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

1 Kings 17:8-16

Faith comes by hearing. We have to hear something. We got to hear the word for faith to come alive.

Hearing activates the faith that lives inside of you. (We have all been given a measure of faith).

Sower and the seed – Voices from the outside coming to steal your faith. You cant do that, you never been able to do that. You have never been able to reach that far.

The widow of Zarepath needed to act on the word. She heard the word then acted.

Faith comes by hearing. What are you listening to?

We can hear things by

- a. The natural ear
- b. Our soul – we feel something about people/situations
- c. Our spirit – its like a switch gets turned on inside of us.

Each of these has the potential to activate your faith. **The question is not so much how you are hearing its what you are hearing.**

### **What is faith?**

Faith is Confident expectation.

What are you expecting to happen in your world? God will bring that to pass.

Romans 1:17

For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written 'the just shall live by faith'.

Faith is a journey. We start small and build. We trust God for favour in a small way and then we step up and trust Him for something bigger. It's a muscle on the inside of you. You have a faith muscle. It can grow, it can get stronger.

From Faith to faith. We believe we conquer, we believe we move, we believe we live a better life.

Matthew 25:21

'well done good and faithful servant, you have been faithful over the little I will make you faithful over the much.'

### **How do we outwork this here at C3 church Marion?**

C3 Church Marion Vision – 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