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# CONTINUING FORWARD

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BIBLE STUDY - CLC

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## GETTING TO THE POINT:

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- How might you define the word: value?
- What are some physical things people value? Attributes?
  
- How do you think our values are determined?
- Who might impact our values?

*Values are lived by a community. They form over time as organizations decide what their priorities are. Some are intentional, some are unintentional. Cornerstone has made lots of decisions over its forty-year history. As we evaluate those, we can see what we value. In order to discern these for CLC, conversations were held with past and present governing board members, with long standing members of CLC and with past and present staff. In all, roughly 90 disciples! These values are the most evident and guiding for our future.*

*It should also be noted that these are merely some of our collective values at Cornerstone. These don't get into the required values that all believers share – for example, that salvation is found in Jesus Christ alone. These are essential to our walk as believers. The values that are here are used to guide our ministry plans and help us as we are Continuing Forward.*

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## RELATIONSHIPS – OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD LEADS TO A COMMUNITY OF CARING.

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Read Luke 15:11-32

- When the son returned, how would you describe the father's reaction?
- The son had lost a large amount of the Father's money. And yet what was the father most concerned about?
- How do you think this passage describes God's love for His people? His desire for a relationship with them?

OBEDIENCE – GOD’S WORD INFORMS AND MOTIVATES OUR LIFE AS A CHURCH.

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Read Deuteronomy 6:4-9

- What does it look like to be in God’s Word? In this passage? In our lives?
- How would you describe the role of God’s Word in the believer’s life?

Read Colossians 3:16

- What do you think it means for the Word to “dwell in us richly?”

COURAGE – WE WILL CONTINUE TO TAKE RISKS, PURSUING NEW OPPORTUNITIES  
THAT RESULT FROM FAITH.

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Read Joshua 1:1-9

- How would you describe the upcoming experiences Joshua will face?
- How many times does God tell Joshua to be strong and courageous?
- What do you think it looks like for a believer to be courageous? Joshua? Us?

MULTISITE – OUR PREFERRED METHOD FOR KINGDOM GROWTH IS DEVELOPING  
NEW SITES.

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Read Acts 2:42-47

- How would you describe the early church? What did it look like? Do?
- In what ways might our sites be different from each other? What remains the same?
- What might be some benefits of being one church but multisite?

TEAMWORK – EVERYONE WORKING TOGETHER FOR THE SAME GODLY OUTCOME.

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Read 1 Corinthians 12:12-26

- How would you describe the value of the arm compared to the eye?
- What are some skills people have that might be overlooked more than others?
- What happens when the body does not work well together? When works well together?

RESOURCING – WE SHARE WHAT WE HAVE BEEN GIVEN SO THAT OTHERS MIGHT  
GROW.

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Read Acts 4:32-36

- What do you think it means that “they had everything in common?”
- Why do you think they shared everything with each other?
- It says there was no needy person. Do you think this means everything was perfect? Why?

ALL GENERATIONS – GOD CAUSES FAITH TO GROW THROUGH LIFELONG  
DISCIPLESHIP, FROM CRADLE TO GRAVE.

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Read Genesis 10:1-5

- Why do you think genealogies are included in Scripture?

Read Matthew 28:19-20

- What should happen in the life of a disciple after he/she is baptized?
- How long is this teaching supposed to last?
- What might it look like to be taught in the faith? For a child? Teen? Adult? Older adult?

*Values are the way that we behave as we journey the path of mission to fulfill the vision God has given us.*

- How do our individual values help us to make good decisions?
- How do our collective values help us to make good decisions?

CLOSING PRAYER

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