

FWC Vision and Values – 24

- Our Mission: We go to people who are far from God and together become fully devoted followers of Jesus

- Our Vision: To become a church family of growing disciples and the most effective disciple-makers we can be, by embracing our family practices and core values, fostering growth in our walk with Jesus.

- Core values:
 - Align ourselves with the PAOC statement of essential truths
 - belong to our church family
 - Embrace inner transformation through personal and corporate intimacy with God
 - Live a lifestyle of generosity
 - Eliminate hurry in our lives to make room for deeply connecting with God and each other.
 - Give our time, talents and resources in love for the benefit of others.

- Family Practices:
 1. Prioritize church attendance
 - a. Putting our time together before God ahead of as many other things in our lives as we possibly can
 2. Prioritize small group transparency
 - a. We see our small groups not so much as a place to feel safe as a place to be brave
 - i. We see our small groups as a place for regular self-examination
 - ii. We also see our small groups as a place to confess your sins and find healing through this confession (Jas 5:16)
 - iii. We also see our small groups as a good place for accountability and emotional support in the growth process
 3. Daily listening prayer
 - a. We see this as a time to align our hearts with the heart of God every day
 - b. Prepare your heart by meditating on a good bible verse

- c. Ask God to give you ears to hear what he wants you to hear regarding the things you want him to speak to you about.
 - d. Eliminate all distractions as much as possible
 - e. Sit in complete silence before God for 3 minutes. (Gradually increase this to 20 minutes)
 - f. Write down what you feel God may be saying to you
 - i. Ask a trusted spiritually mature person to help you discern what part of what you think you heard was from God. (Your accuracy will increase over time with practice)
 - ii. Check what you think God is saying to you against what the Bible says
4. Daily bible meditation
- a. This is more than just reading the bible – this is stopping to really think about what this means to your life
 - b. Write down what you think God is saying to you through the bible
 - c. Share with your small group what you think God is saying to you so everyone there can grow from your insights
5. A lifestyle of generosity
- a. Living a life of planned and intentional open handed and open hearted generosity
 - i. This is will mean intentionally giving a percentage of your income away
6. A weekly Sabbath
- a. Dedicating a 24 hour period every week to God and his desires for you, not your own fleshly desires
 - b. Fasting from social media during this time
7. Prioritize church contribution
- a. Doing something for someone else while attending church

We encourage you to add these practices to your life incrementally as consistency over time is very important. Don't try to add any more than one practice every two weeks to your life.