

**Our Values:
Relationships**

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God is at work in us!

He is pursuing us!

**He is opening our eyes to
blindness, convicting us of
sin, encouraging us, building
us up and equipping us!**

**Nominalism (in name only):
professing something that
isn't our personal reality; it's
a form of hypocrisy, the fruit
of our deceiving heart**

What are our core values?

...that which is valuable to us, what is precious, what we are striving for – with the grace He alone can provide.

1. Relationships here at Metro Life Church are vital and rich!

2. There is so much more!

Hebrews 10:19-26

1. The sure fruit of the Gospel in relationship:

- with God through Jesus Christ

- and one another in the context of the Church

2. There's MORE!

The power of the world, the spirit of its literature, the temptations of business and pleasure, all unite to make up a religion in which it is sought to combine a comfortable hope for the

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future with the least possible amount of sacrifice in the present.

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As little as the Hebrews with the Old Testament, its temple service, and its prophecy, could withstand the temptation to "wax weary and grow faint," can the New Testament, with a sound

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Church and Church doctrine, and its religious services, give us the true life and power of godliness. It is Jesus Christ we must know better.

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We are called by God to be a means of grace to one another in three profound ways.

I. 'Stirring Up' One Another

I Corinthians 13

II. Corporate Meetings

A. As a church – corporately

B. As a home group – “house to house”

C. Hospitality – singles, couples, families

III. Encouraging One Another

- **We love each other by encouraging each other – catching each other doing things right.**
- **We love each other by confessing sin to one another – honesty and transparency.**
- **We love each other by serving – sacrifice, laying down your life.**

- **We love each other by praying – interceding for, not gossiping about.**
- **We love each other by trusting others and holding each other accountable – not having critical judgments, or fault-finding.**

If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

1 John 1:6-7

Whoever says he is in the light and hates his brother is still in darkness. Whoever loves his brother abides in the light, and in him there is no cause for stumbling.

1 John 2:9-10

We know that we have passed out of death into life, because we love the brothers. Whoever does not love abides in death. Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him. By this we know

I John 3:14-18

love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? Little

I John 3:14-18

children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.

I John 3:14-18

And this is his commandment, that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. Whoever keeps his commandments abides in God, and God in him. And by this we know that he abides in

I John 3:23-24

us, by the Spirit whom he has given us.

1 John 3:23-24

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love.

1 John 4:7-8

Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

1 John 4:11

- 1. Relationships are vital to us!
They are a treasure!**
- 2. There is so much more!**