

## SESSION 1

# JESUS-CENTRED

Baptists have always emphasised Jesus as the one we are called to follow, the one who reveals God to us, and the one through whom God is at work, reconciling all things. We meet, pray, and speak in his name, and believe Jesus is present with us. Jesus is our ultimate authority and we always seek to be led by him.

### Key ideas:

- ✔ Jesus reveals himself to all people, at all times, in all settings
- ✔ Our shared goal is to listen and respond to Jesus
- ✔ We are formed and re-formed by Scripture, through which Jesus speaks and is revealed to us
- ✔ We seek to discern the Spirit's leading together



## Discussion:

1. Discuss our initial reflections and responses about the centrality of Jesus as a foundational value for our movement.
2. What challenges do we face in holding on to Jesus' authority in today's society?
3. How does our ongoing formation in Jesus, Scripture and the Holy Spirit provide opportunities and position us well to speak into our context?
4. Discuss some specific examples of how this value shapes our practices and decisions as an organisation, church or group. How might we become more focused on Jesus?
5. Our value of being Jesus-centred informs our decision about \_\_\_\_\_ in the following ways.
  - A.
  - B.
  - C.
  - D.