

SESSION 2

COMMUNITY

Our communities are open to everyone, but our identity centres on our shared experience of being followers of Jesus. This key value distinctively shapes our practice in discipleship, discernment, decision making and community building.

Key ideas:

- ✔ We practice baptism and communion as markers of identification with Jesus and the community of faith
- ✔ Each individual follower of Jesus is gifted for ministry
- ✔ We affirm those who are gifted and called into leadership
- ✔ Shared discernment is most effective when we are in relationships of trust, pray together, are responding to the Scriptures and are attentive the Spirit



Discussion:

1. Discuss our initial reflections and responses about community being a foundational value for our movement.
2. How do our practices of membership, leadership and decision-making differ from the dominant practices of group life in our society? What are some of the implications of these differences?
3. How does our value of community enable us to speak positively into our context? Discuss the relevance of our practices in our contemporary society.
4. Discuss some specific examples of how our value of community currently shapes our practices and decisions as an organisation, church or group. How might we embody this value more meaningfully in the future?
5. Our value of community informs our decision about _____ in the following ways.
 - A.
 - B.
 - C.
 - D.