

## SESSION 4

# FREEDOM

Followers of Jesus live out a different way of being community within our society. We do not try to coerce or manipulate others to live according to our beliefs. We aim to show a way of living that surprises, stimulates questions and invites others to participate. We advocate for the opportunity to speak into our world the hope and flourishing of the gospel, but we always seek to do so with gentleness and respect.

### Key ideas:

- ✔ Freedom of conscience allows us to disagree while maintaining relationship
- ✔ Each church or organisation is equipped and competent to live out their mission in their context
- ✔ The Baptist community centres on voluntary relationships of cooperation and accountability in order to have a broader impact
- ✔ We are inspired to have a communal, prophetic voice within our society
- ✔ We advocate for religious freedom for all



## Discussion:

1. Discuss our initial reflections and responses about freedom being a foundational value for our movement.
2. What challenges do we face in upholding these ideals in our contemporary contexts, in our organisation, church or group in our society and world?
3. How does our value of freedom provide opportunities for the transformation of local communities?
4. Discuss specific examples of how the value of freedom is expressed in our context and how it shapes our decisions and actions. How might we develop and grow its expression in our group or organisation?
5. Our value of freedom informs our decision about \_\_\_\_\_  
in the following ways.
  - A.
  - B.
  - C.
  - D.