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VALUES
PROJECT

DISCUSSION GUIDE

Video companion



INTRODUCTION

The Values Project is designed to help us reflect, talk and learn about our identity and values as communities of faith within the Australian Baptist movement. As we are reminded of the values that underpin the historical and cultural backbone of our movement, we reflect on how these values impact our attitudes, practices and decisions in our unique contexts. The Values Project strengthens our sense of identity and encourages connectedness across our movement, and informs decision making and leadership.

Over four sessions, we address four important values by watching a short video and using questions as prompts for discussion.

Before the first session, discuss these introductory questions:

1. Individually, let's describe our personal background and connection to the Baptist movement.
2. Describe the background and connection our organisation, church or group has to the Baptist movement.
3. Briefly identify some of the cultural markers and emerging trends of contemporary Australian society. This discussion reminds us of the broad context in which we exist, operate and serve. We aim to keep these trends in mind throughout the series, so we can explore how the Baptist values are both challenged by and speak into our current context.

After the final session, discuss these closing questions:

1. How have our perceptions of the Baptist movement changed during our engagement with The Values Project?
2. How can we allow our actions to be shaped and reshaped by our ongoing affirmation of these values? What are some specific ideas we can potentially action in the short, medium and long-term?
3. Which of the values did we find the most challenging to reflect upon. Why might that be?