

SOUL'S Mission Statement, Values and Aims for 2020



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OUR MISSION STATEMENT

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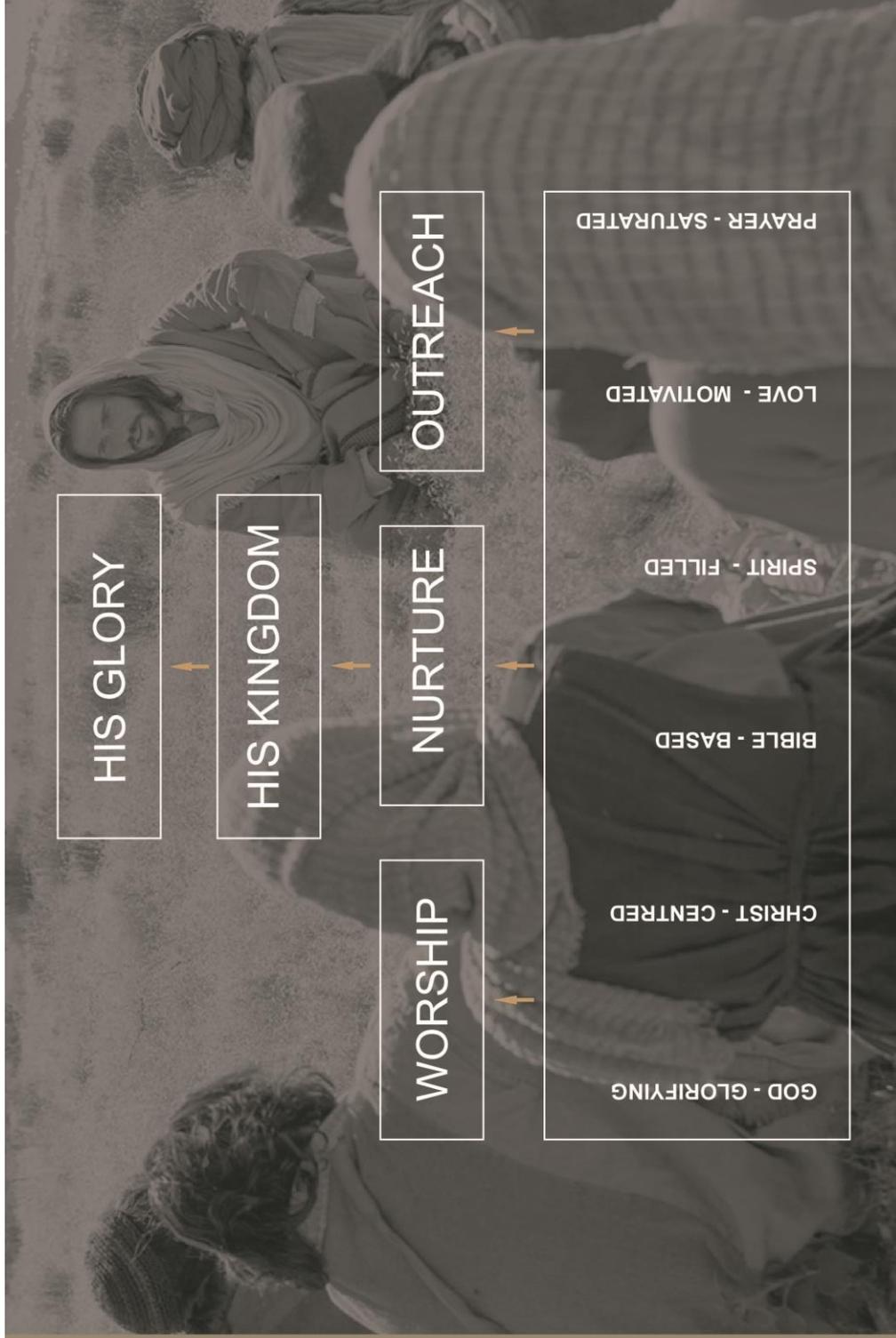
What we long to see accomplished.

OUR MISSION

What God is calling us to do as a church.

OUR VALUES

Values that underpin everything we do at Soul Church.



Our Mission Statement and Core Values Explained

WHO WE ARE

SOUL is a Christian church that is serious about Jesus. We believe Jesus is the Son of God who has come into this world to save us from our sin by dying on the cross in our place and rising again so that we might be forgiven of every sin and receive eternal life. Because of who Jesus is and what he has done for us, we are deeply passionate about him. We love and treasure him above all else and seek to live lives serving and honouring him as our Saviour and King.

We are a Presbyterian church which means, among other things, we hold to the Scriptures as our supreme authority in faith and life and to the Westminster Confession of Faith as our subordinate standard. This is our statement of faith.

OUR DESIRE

At SOUL, our deep desire is to see Jesus' kingdom grow in Hobart and throughout the world for God's glory and the joy of his people. This means:

- We desire to see Jesus worshiped wholeheartedly by all people.
- We desire to see more people come to know, love and serve Christ as Saviour and Lord.
- We desire to see Jesus' Church grow in love and holiness.
- We desire to see true justice and mercy in our city and world.

We believe that as these things happen, God will get the glory and we will get the joy!

WHAT WE DO

We believe God calls us as a church to do three things.

1) Meet and Worship Together

As well as worshiping God in all of life, we believe God calls us as a church to meet and worship him together. We call this corporate worship. We meet up every week to pray, sing, hear God's word read and preached, and enjoy the sacraments. In all of this, we strive to be both reverent and joyful. Our aims in worship are to be: (1) edifying, so the whole church is built up; (2) biblically-based, so everything we do is in line with God's word; and (3) Christ-centred, so he gets the glory.

2) Nurture one Another

We also believe God calls us as a church to nurture one another. We nurture each other in two ways. Firstly, by disciplining one another; this means we help each other grow to become like Jesus. We also nurture one another by deeply and sincerely loving each other with words and actions.

3) Reach out to the World with Jesus' Redeeming Love

The third thing God calls us as a church to, is to reach out to the world with Jesus' redeeming love. This means firstly reaching out with the gospel of Jesus Christ. It is the gospel that is the power of God for salvation of all who believe.

Secondly, this means reaching out with actions: seeking justice for the oppressed and vulnerable and showing mercy to those in need.

As we meet and worship together, nurture one another and reach out to the world with Jesus' redeeming love, we believe we will see Jesus' kingdom grow in the city of Hobart and throughout the world. God will get the glory and we will get the joy!

WHAT WE VALUE

At SOUL, we have a set of *Core Values* which underpin everything we do.

Our Core Values

1) *God-glorifying*

We long to glorify God in all we do, at all times, by loving, serving, fearing and obeying him.

2) *Christ-centred*

We want to make Jesus and what he has done for us on the cross (the gospel!) our foundation and focus in all we do. We seek to proclaim the gospel, treasure the gospel, and live out the gospel in all of life.

3) *Spirit-filled*

We aspire to be filled, empowered and led by the Holy Spirit in all we do. This means being prayerfully dependent on the Spirit, walking in step with the Spirit, and exercising the spiritual gifts he has given us.

4) *Love-motivated*

Our ambition is to do everything out of love for God and love for others. Whether we're worshiping God, nurturing one another, or reaching out to the world, we want it all to be motivated by a deep love for God and others.

5) Bible-based

We want to base everything we do in the Word of God. This means we submit to the Bible as our highest authority and strive to be guided by the Bible in all we do.

6) Prayer-saturated

We desire to saturate everything we do in prayer so that God can effectively work in and through us to build his kingdom.

OUR 2020 AIMS

Our aims help us achieve our mission as a church. They outline what our day to day actions need to be and ensure we are working together.

Worship

1. Effectively connect with new comers so they feel welcomed, informed and leave with an understanding of what happens next.
2. Have a well established and resourced children's ministry.
3. Have an ample supply of trained preachers, service leaders, bible readers and musicians.
4. Have good attendance on Sundays.

Nurture

5. Have a strong culture of discipleship.
6. For people at SOUL to feel well loved and cared for.
7. For SOUL to be a place where people are using their spiritual gifts to serve the church.

Outreach

8. To have decided on whether to be a church planting church, when and how to plant churches.
9. To have made disciples of Jesus from next door (UTAS/Public Housing).
10. Have SOUL heavily involved in justice and mercy ministries.

Other

11. Have a strong leadership team of pastors and deacons.
12. Grow the membership base at SOUL.
13. To develop future full-time pastoral workers and missionaries.
14. For SOUL to be a financially generous church.
15. Have a strong culture of cooperate prayer.

For each of the above aims we have goals, objectives and tasks which we will seek to achieve by God's grace.