

# **New Generation City Church's Values**

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## **Some Definitions**

An apostle is a Christian who carries greater responsibility within the church community. An apostolic church is a multi-national Christian community.

Evangelism and discipleship must go hand-in-hand. We cannot simply 'convert' people on the street and let them go on their way.

A prophetic church equips its members to prophesise. Prophets (Christians with a prophetic ability) see the future and help steer the church towards the future. All prophecies must be tested and submitted to the leadership team.

## **Vision and Values**

The 'new wine in new wine skins' is a useful analogy (Matt 9:17). The wine skin refers to our flexibility in relation to the Holy Spirit.

Many movements of God from previous eras can become a monument to the past, whereas the Holy Spirit may be seeking to do something new today. Some Christians can hold onto the traditions of their first Christian experience to the detriment of their current situation.

The vision defines where New Generation City Church is headed and the values are the methodology used to achieve the vision.

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1. Jesus is number one.
2. Bible above tradition, culture or creed.
3. Relation with God without religion. (Luke 10:27, Great commandment)
4. We seek to be worshippers before workers.
5. We seek to live in grace rather than legalism. (Titus 2:12, Grace teaches us to say 'no' to unrighteousness)
6. We need to be a joyful and happy people.
7. We seek reality without ritual.
8. We put giving before receiving.
9. We need to naturally supernatural. (Be real, without being weird)
10. Be a blessing, instead of looking for a blessing. (Gen 22:18)
11. We must be going before staying. (Based on the Acts church model)
12. We are a covenantal community. You cannot be an official\* member of New Generation City Church.
13. Be part of the solution rather than part of the problem. The church will always have problems.
14. Being agents of change.
15. Character before charisma / gifting.
16. Function before titles\*\*.
17. New wine into new wine skins. (Mark 2:22)

18. Organic life rather organisational life.
19. Friendship before function.
20. People before ministry.
21. Work in team.
22. Priesthood of all believers.
23. We seek radical converts.
24. Working towards freedom.
25. Be relevant to a dying world.
26. Disciplining the nations.

\* New Generation City Church does not have a formal membership program. Instead the community is based on relationship and participation.

\*\* Leaders in New Generation City Church are not called Father, Pastor, Minister, etc. They are simply referred to by their first name, eg. Tom.