

## BUILDING AUTHENTIC RELATIONSHIPS

(Mark 12:30, 31; John 13:34, 35; Philippians 2:1-5)

Love for the Lord is our most important relationship, but God did not create us to follow him in isolation. Discipleship happens best in a relationship. Emotional health and spiritual maturity require more than just attending Sunday services. Connecting with others is one of the most important things we do, so we encourage everyone at E91 to join a team or a small group.

## REACHING THE NEXT GENERATION

(Deuteronomy 6:1-9; Psalm 78:4-7; Psalm 145:4; 2 Timothy 2:2)

At E91, we are all on mission together for Christ regardless of age. We encourage different age groups to engage with each other and serve the Lord together, building bridges between the generations. For kids and students to think that the church matters, we must show them that they matter. We encourage them to serve, seeking to get each child or student into a healthy relationship with a leader who can guide them to take their next steps with Jesus. We want to multiply disciple-makers, so we invest in leadership development, and we are always on the lookout for apprentices to develop. And while we value and give ministry focus to people of all ages, we recognize that the strategies that got us here won't necessarily reach future generations, so we look for creative ways to engage the next generation with programs and events geared specifically to them.

## BEING KINGDOM MINDED

(Matthew 6:9, 10, 33; Acts 1:6-8; 1 Corinthians 12:4-6; 1 Peter 4:10, 11)

God's kingdom is bigger than just E91, and every person has a part to play in it. We seek to be good neighbors who welcome and serve people of all racial and ethnic groups in our community, city, state, and world. We challenge everyone to invest in E91's mission locally and globally, and to pray for and disciple others both inside and outside the church. We evaluate everything we do to help more people take their next steps with Jesus. We use the gifts God has given us (time, money, talents, knowledge, skills, and abilities) to grow his kingdom.

## APPLYING BIBLICAL TRUTH

(John 14:15; 2 Timothy 3:16, 17; James 1:22)

We don't stray from God's Word in any teaching—either from the stage or in groups and personal relationships. We encourage people to study on their own and with others, and we always look to the Bible for the first and best answer. We do our best to put biblical truth into action by practicing a personal lifestyle of worship and prayer, participating in regular corporate worship, and honoring Christ in our daily lives.



# OUR CORE VALUES