

# **New Springs International Christian Church - Loughborough**

## **10-20-30 Model**

**10 Fundamental Beliefs**

**20 Core Values**

**30 Unique Characteristics**

## *Our 10 Fundamental Beliefs*

1. We believe **the Bible** as originally given, to be without error, the fully inspired and infallible Word of God and the supreme and final authority in all matters of faith and conduct.
2. We believe that the **Godhead** exists co-equally and co-eternally in three persons Father, Son and Holy Spirit and that these three are one God, sovereign in creation, providence and redemption. It is acknowledged that this doctrine of the Trinity is nowhere expressly stated in the Scripture but everywhere implied and revealed.

We believe in the **deity of the Father** existing as a Spirit and in His primary but not superior role within the Trinity. He is Co-Creator and sovereign. The term 'Father' reflects and reveals the position of His relationship, responsibility and character of love, who is not abstract but approachable and knowable in every way.

We believe in God the Son, in the true and proper **deity of our Lord Jesus Christ**; in His virgin birth; in His real and complete humanity; in His sinless life; in His authoritative teaching; in His substitutionary and atoning sacrifice through His shed blood; in His bodily resurrection; in His ascension to the right hand of the Father; in His heavenly intercession and in His second advent to receive His Church. He is the Co-Creator and in Him dwells the fullness of the Godhead bodily.

We believe in the **deity of the Holy Spirit** who proceeds from the Father and the Son, and in the necessity of His work in conviction of sin, repentance, regeneration and sanctification, and that the believer is also promised an enduement of power as the gift of Christ through the baptism in the Holy Spirit with signs following. Through this enduement the believer is empowered for the fuller participation in the ministry of the Church, its worship, evangelism and service.

3. We believe in the universal sinfulness of all men since the Fall, rendering man subject to God's wrath and condemnation.
4. We believe in the **necessity for salvation** of repentance towards God and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ by which we the sinner is pardoned and accepted as righteous in God's sight. This justification is imputed by the grace of God because of the atoning work of Christ, is received by faith alone and is evidenced by the fruit of the Spirit and a holy life.
5. We believe that **the Gospel** embraces the needs of the whole man and that the Church is therefore commissioned to preach the gospel to the world and to fulfil a ministry of healing and deliverance to the spiritual and physical needs of mankind.
6. We believe in **the universal and local church**, in the spiritual unity and the **priesthood of all believers** in Christ and that these comprise the Body of Christ.
7. We believe in the **ministries** that Christ has set in His Church, namely, apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers, and in the present operation of the manifold Gifts of the Spirit according to the New Testament.
8. We believe in the **baptism** of believers by immersion in water in obedience to the command of Christ and in the commemoration of Christ's death and resurrection by observance of the **Lord's supper** until His return.
9. We believe in the personal, physical and visible **return of the Lord Jesus Christ** to reign in power and glory, and in the resurrection of the dead and in the final judgement of the world.
10. We believe there is a **Heaven** to be gained (i.e. the eternal conscious bliss of the righteous) and a **Hell** to be shunned (i.e. the eternal conscious punishment of the wicked).

## *Our 20 Core Values*

1. We Value - the importance of a personal relationship with God through Jesus Christ.
2. We Value - worship as a priority.
3. We Value - the authority of God's Word.
4. We Value - the importance of discipleship and development.
5. We Value - the essentiality of the local church for every believer.
6. We Value - the five fold ministry.
7. We Value - the importance of partnership and Biblical community.
8. We Value - healthy Biblical authority and leadership.
9. We Value - the unity of Christ's body.
10. We Value - prayer, intercession and spiritual warfare.
11. We Value - the Spiritual gifts.
12. We Value - Spirit-filled witness and service.
13. We Value - fruitfulness, integrity and Godly living.
14. We Value - the need to be evangelistic in our outlook.
15. We Value - the spirit of giving and stewardship.
16. We Value - the family.
17. We Value - the individual.
18. We Value - life and every stage of life.
19. We Value - racial harmony.
20. We Value - excellence.

Of course, we are all aware that values (and for that matter beliefs and characteristics) sound fine when they are written down on paper, but if they do not relate directly to the way we live, work and act on a daily basis, they become a total irrelevance. You will therefore, at New Springs, often hear these values reinforced over and over and over again in a plethora of different ways with the intent of enabling each and every one of us to translate each value more easily into every day living.

# *Our 30 Unique Characteristics*

## *We are...*

- 1... a God directed, Jesus-centred and Spirit-led Church
- 2... an independent Church adhering to 10 Fundamental truths relating and accountable to a number of ministries, Churches and Christian Leaders around the nation.
- 3... an Evangelical, Pentecostal, Charismatic Church embracing all the Gifts of the Holy Spirit.
- 4... a Leadership-governed Church.
- 5... a multiplicity of ministries working out one vision.
- 6... a body that values Scriptural Church discipline.
- 7... a training and equipping Church.
- 8... a Church of small "Growth Groups" as well as Corporate Gatherings.
- 9... a Bible-centred Church - believing, preaching and living the Word of God.
- 10... a relating Church - a Church that in believes in pArtnership where every member belongs, ministers and is committed to one another.
- 11... a prayer centred Church.
- 12... a worshipping Church.
- 13... a giving Church.
- 14... an evangelistic Church.
- 15... a caring Church.
- 16... a networking Church.
- 17... an international, multi-cultural Church.
- 18... an all-embracing, all-age Church.
- 19... a family-orientated Church.
- 20... a sending, supportive Church.
- 21... a community-based Church.
- 22... a mould-breaking Church.
- 23... a relevant, practical Church ministering to the whole person.
- 24... a growing Church.
- 25... a radical Church, not fearing change.
- 26... a inspirational, motivational Church.
- 27... a creative and dynamic Church.
- 28... a people-centred, fun-loving, social Church.
- 29... a Centre of excellence.
- 30... a Church that has not arrived but is on its way!