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What are the matters that matter the most at Bathurst Presbyterian? What ideals are a big deal for us?

This study guide takes us through **7 things we love**. 7 shared beliefs and values that characterise us collectively—things that reflect who we are and how we go about living *all for Jesus*.

These are 7 things really close to our heart, as a church. 7 things really precious to us. Because we love these things they significantly flavour and impact everything we do at BPC.

This is a chance to consider how these things shape our church community. 7 things to share together and celebrate together.

We Love Jesus

A church is a group of people who belong to Jesus. In what ways should all churches be the same? In what ways should all churches be different?

At Bathurst Presbyterian, our mission statement is All for Jesus. What does that mission statement mean to you?

Read the following parts of the bible.

- Colossians 1.15-20
- Matthew 17.1-8
- Matthew 28.18
- Hebrews 1.1-3 & Hebrews 12.1-2
- Revelation 1.4-8

Discuss the parts of the bible you read. What do you learn about Jesus?

Why is Jesus worth valuing?

How should our love for Jesus be expressed in our church community?

What dangers might we face if we were to drift from our love of Jesus?

Why is it important that we share in this love for Jesus together?

At Bathurst Presbyterian, we love Jesus. Jesus deserves all glory and honour, he is the supreme king of all, and through his death and resurrection we have forgiveness and rescue.

What can we do to better express our love of Jesus as a church?

What might it look like for you to grow in your love of Jesus this week?

Pray all of us at Bathurst Presbyterian would love Jesus, honouring him and keeping our focus on him.

We Love God's Word

What do you value about God's Word? What does our value of God's Word look like at BPC?

Read the following parts of the bible.

- Psalm 19
- Romans 1.16-17
- 2 Timothy 3.14-17
- 1 Peter 4.11
- Colossians 3.12-17
- Ephesians 4.11-16
- Romans 10.9-15
- 2 Timothy 4.2-5

Discuss the parts of the bible you read. What do you learn about God's Word?

Why is God's Word worth valuing?

How should our love for God's Word be expressed in our church community?

What dangers might we face if we were to drift from our love of God's Word?

Why is it important that we share in this love for God's Word together?

At Bathurst Presbyterian we love God's Word. God's word saves and transforms us as we hear and obey it, and God's word grows and builds up our church as we speak it to outsiders and to each other.

What can we do to better express our love of God's Word as a church?

What might it look like for you to grow in your love of God's Word this week?

Pray all of us at Bathurst Presbyterian would love God's Word, prayerfully listening well and encouraging one another at our Sunday church gatherings, in our Small Groups, Youth Group, and Kids4Jesus.

We Love Prayer

What do you value about prayer? What does our value of prayer look like at BPC?

Read the following parts of the bible.

- Ephesians 6.18
- Philippians 4.4-7
- 1 Thessalonians 5.16-18
- James 5.16
- 1 John 1.8-9
- Luke 11.1-13

Discuss the parts of the bible you read. What do you learn about prayer?

Why is prayer worth valuing?

How should our love for prayer be expressed in our church community?

What dangers might we face if we were to drift from our love of prayer?

Why is it important that we share in this love for prayer together?

At Bathurst Presbyterian we love prayer. Prayer invites us to see the perspective of our loving heavenly Father, recognising his sovereignty in the growth and effectiveness of the gospel, and his invitation to come confidently before him with our praise, confession, thankfulness, and concerns.

What can we do to better express our love of prayer as a church?

What might it look like for you to grow in your love of prayer this week?

Pray all of us at Bathurst Presbyterian would love speaking with our heavenly Father, praying with humble yet confident dependence, and with gospel perspective, in praise, confession, thankfulness, and request.

We Love One Another

"Belonging to Jesus means belonging to one another, and loving Christ means loving his church." What do you think of this statement?

Read the following parts of the bible.

- 1 John 4.7-11
- Galatians 6.10
- 1 Corinthians 13
- 1 Peter 4.7-11
- 1 Thessalonians 5.11
- Ephesians 4.11-16
- Hebrews 10.23-25

Discuss the parts of the bible you read. What do you learn about the 'togetherness' of Christ's church?

Why is loving one another worth valuing?

How should our love for one another be expressed in our church community?

What dangers might we face if we were to drift from our love of one another?

Why is it important that we share in this love for one another together?

At Bathurst Presbyterian we love one another. We belong to Jesus' people, and joyfully gather, love, grow, and serve together. We use our time, resources, and gifts to strengthen one another's faith in Jesus, rejoicing in our diversity and unity.

What can we do to better express our love of one another as a church?

What might it look like for you to grow in your love of others at church this week?

Pray all of us at Bathurst Presbyterian would love one another well, rejoicing in our unity and diversity as we serve, love and care for each other, strengthening one another's faith in Christ.

We Love Living all for Jesus

Does belonging to Jesus change the way you live and act? Are there parts of your life that haven't been changed by Jesus?

Read the following parts of the bible.

- Ephesians 2.1-10
- Galatians 5.13-26
- Colossians 3.1-4.1
- Ephesians 4.17-32
- James 2.14-26

Discuss the parts of the bible you read. What do you learn about living for Jesus?

Why is living for Jesus worth valuing?

How should our love of living for Jesus be expressed in our church community?

What dangers might we face if we were to drift from our love of living for Jesus?

Why is it important that we share in this love of living for Jesus together?

At Bathurst Presbyterian we love loving all of life for Jesus. In Jesus we have new life, being transformed by his Spirit, as we become more and more like him.

What can we do to better express our love of living for Jesus as a church?

What might it look like for you to grow in your love of living for Jesus this week?

Pray all of us at Bathurst Presbyterian would love living all of life for Jesus, growing continually in our obedience of Christ, putting off the old and putting on the new life that is ours through his death and resurrection.

We Love all of Bathurst & all the World

How would you describe God's attitude to the world? How does this shape our attitude to the world around us?

Read the following parts of the bible.

- John 3.16
- Luke 6.27-36
- Deuteronomy 24.17-22 & Deuteronomy 27.19
- 1 Corinthians 9.19-23
- Romans 10.9-15
- 1 Corinthians 2.1-5
- Matthew 28.16-20

Discuss the parts of the bible you read. What do you learn about how we relate to the world around us?

Why is our love for Bathurst and the world worth valuing?

How should our love for Bathurst and the world be expressed in our church community?

What dangers might we face if we were to drift from our love of Bathurst and the world?

Why is it important that we share in this love for Bathurst and the world together?

At Bathurst Presbyterian we love all of Bathurst & all the world. We love to invite and welcome our community to discover Jesus through simple, straight-forward conversations about Jesus, and we love to partner with people who share Jesus around the world.

What can we do to better express our love of Bathurst and the world as a church?

What might it look like for you to grow in your love of Bathurst and the world this week?

Pray all of us at Bathurst Presbyterian would love our community and our world with a gospel-shaped love, that honours Jesus and points people to him.

We Love Sending People

Did you know that in the last 10 years over 350 people have left our church to move to another town? What opportunities does this present?

Did you know that in the past 10 years over 15 people have left our church to study at bible college and go into paid ministry? What opportunities does this present?

Read the following parts of the bible.

- Matthew 9.35-38
- Matthew 28.16-20
- Acts 11.22-24
- 2 Timothy 2.2
- Colossians 4.7-18

Discuss the parts of the bible you read. What do you learn about sending people?

Why is sending people worth valuing?

How should our love for sending people be expressed in our church community?

What dangers might we face if we were to drift from our love of sending people?

Why is it important that we share in this love for sending people together?

At Bathurst Presbyterian we love sending people. God sends his people to be disciple-making disciples, so we love being equipped to serve Jesus and his church in Bathurst, across Australia, and around the world.

What can we do to better express our love of sending people as a church?

What might it look like for you to grow in your love of sending people this week?

Pray all of us at Bathurst Presbyterian would love seeing people effectively serving Jesus here and in other places too. Pray each and every one of us who leaves Bathurst Presbyterian would leave more mature in Christ and more equipped to effectively make disciples of Christ than when we arrived.