

Central's Core Values:

'Hungry Hearts'

¹⁶From him [Jesus] the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work. (Ephesians 4:16)

Vision: *What do we want to do?*

We want to help people connect to . . .

- God
- Others
- Purpose

Values: *How do we want to do it?*

We want to be people who have . . .

- Hungry hearts
- Attentive eyes
- Linked arms
- Open hands
- God-sized footprint

Hungry Hearts: The shallow distractions of life never satisfy like the deep currents of God's truth.

⁶Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. (John 14:6)

³⁵Then Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty." (John 6:35)

³⁷On the last and greatest day of the festival, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink. ³⁸Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them." (John 7:37,38)

- ▶ **Hungering for God keeps our _work_ for Christ from replacing our _walk_ with Christ**

The Pharisees had _externalized_ religion.

The scribes had _professionalized_ religion.

The Sadducees had _secularized_ religion.

The Zealots had _nationalized_ religion.

(James Stewart)

⁹ *God is faithful, who has **called you into fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.** (I Corinthians 1:9)*

"You have made us for Yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in You." (Augustine)

- ▶ **Hungering for God opens us up to the _power_ of the _Spirit_**

⁴⁹ *I [Jesus] am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been **clothed with power from on high.**" (Luke 24:49)*

⁸*But you will receive power when **the Holy Spirit comes on you;** and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." (Acts 1:8)*