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INTRODUCTION

By God's grace, He has sovereignly been at work in and through SLE church to bring about great growth over the past few years. Many within the church have been pressing on, attending church and fellowship groups, seeking their own growth and building others up, serving in various ways, enjoying community and doing their part to invite friends and family.

It would be fair to say that most of us have some sense of God's MISSION in mind, have Christian and gospel-shaped VALUES and have some sort of VISION for what we hope SLE Church to be and our role in that.

However, it would also be fair to say that our MISSION as a church, the VALUES we most hold dear and the VISION for what we ought to be and become has not been well-defined and clearly articulated.

In June 2017, the leaders of the church began the process of rectifying this shortcoming. In the 12 months that followed, a series of discussions, consultations and meetings within the church leadership as well as membership were conducted with a high level of support and enthusiasm.

In May 2018, the members of the church finalised the MISSION statement, core VALUES, and VISION statement for our church. They are reproduced in this booklet as a reference point for all members, regulars, and visitors.

It is our hope and prayer that God will continue to grow our church according to His will and grace for His glory. It is our hope and prayer that our MVV will be used as a reference point and tool that unites us as a church in the service of God and His purposes.



Benjamin Ho & Steven Tran

Pastors of SLE Church



MISSION MOTTO

S L E C H U R C H E X I S T S

TO GLORIFY GOD BY PROCLAIMING JESUS CHRIST

TO EVERYONE DY LIVING

ALL OF OUR LIVES FOR HIM THROUGH

THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

ELABORATION

SLE Church exists to glorify God

Ps 96; Rev 5:11-14; 1 Cor 10:31

by proclaiming Jesus Christ

Jn 1:14, 18; 3:16, 36; Eph 1:3-14; 2 Cor 3:12-18

to everyone.

We seek for unbelievers

Rom 3:21-26

to come to believe in Jesus Christ,

to depend on what

He has done for our salvation,

and to turn away from sin.

We seek for believers to mature into

the full likeness of Christ.

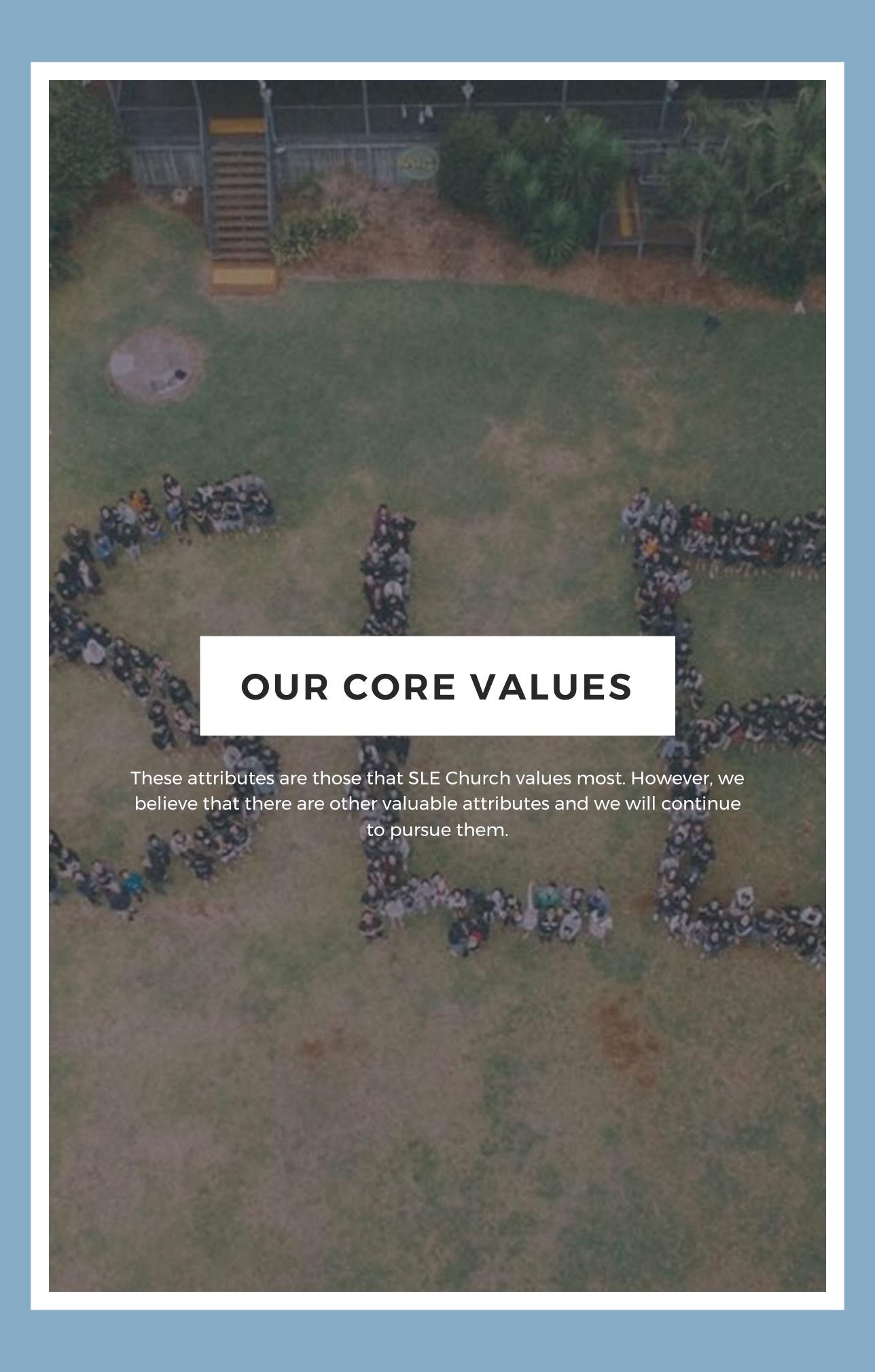
Eph 4:11-16; Col 1:27-29

We do all of this in

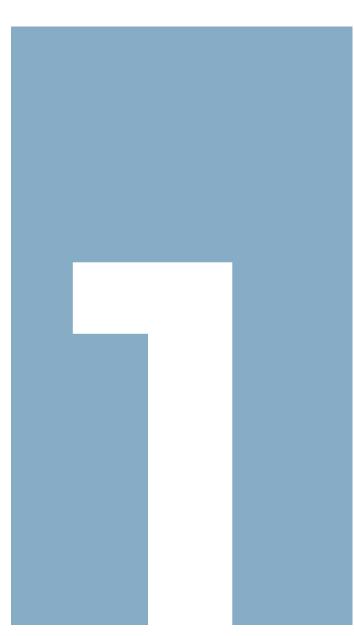
prayerful dependence on God

and through the power of His Spirit.

To be read in conjunction with the SLE Statement of Faith - https://slechurch.org.au/beliefs/







GOSPEL-CENTRED, EXPOSITORY PREACHING OF GOD'S WORD

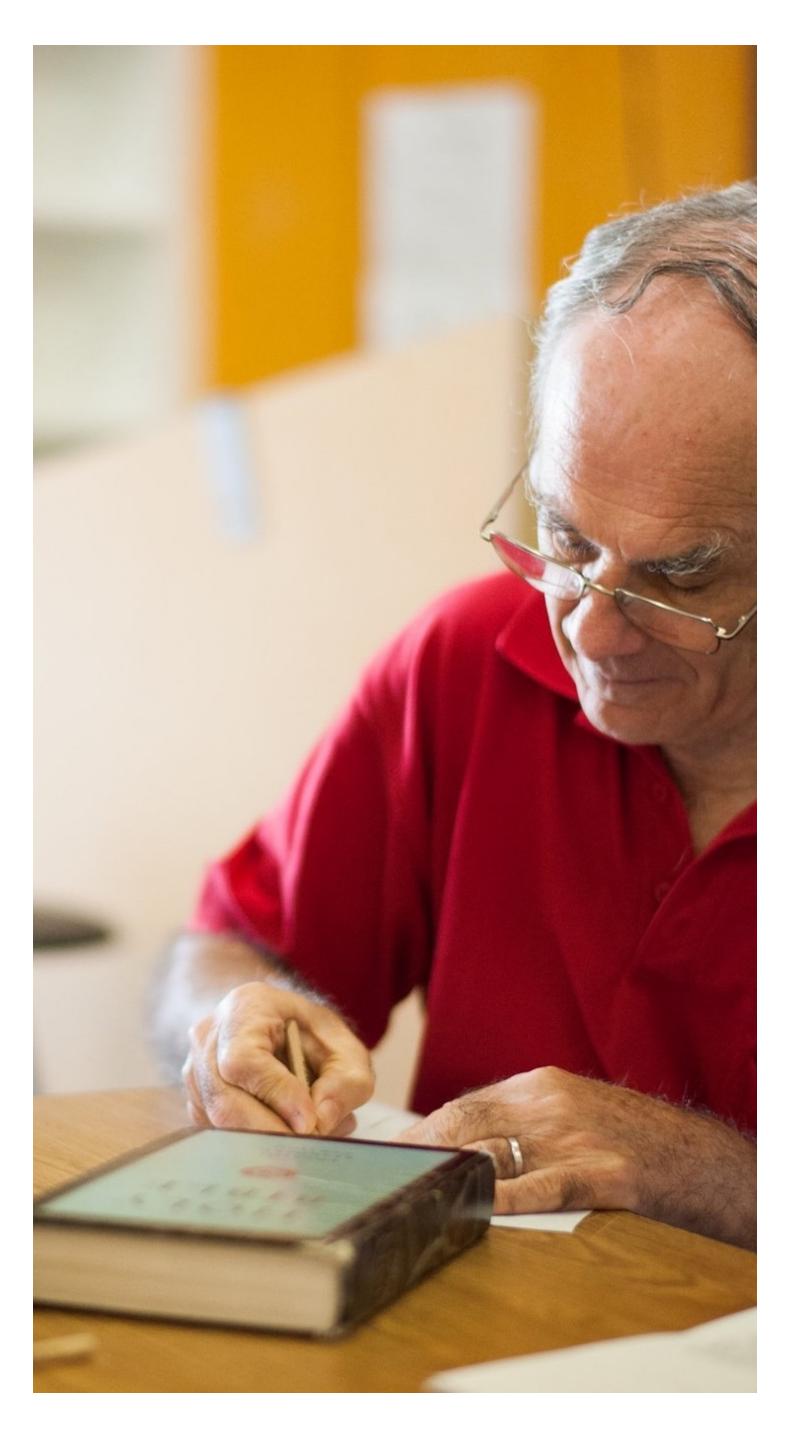
We believe the Bible is God's word and that it reveals to us His plan for salvation through His Son, Jesus Christ. We believe it is one unified story that was inspired by God and written by human authors - the Old Testament is God's word of preparation and promise regarding Jesus Christ and the New Testament is God's word recording and explaining the person and work of Jesus Christ. The author's original intent and meaning should be preserved, therefore the shape and emphasis of our sermons match the shape and emphasis of the biblical text.

PRAYERFULNESS

Prayer is the privilege of every believer to speak to our heavenly Father. We believe that God calls His people to pray in response to His Word, expressing our trust in and dependence on God's character and His promises.









DISCIPLESHIP

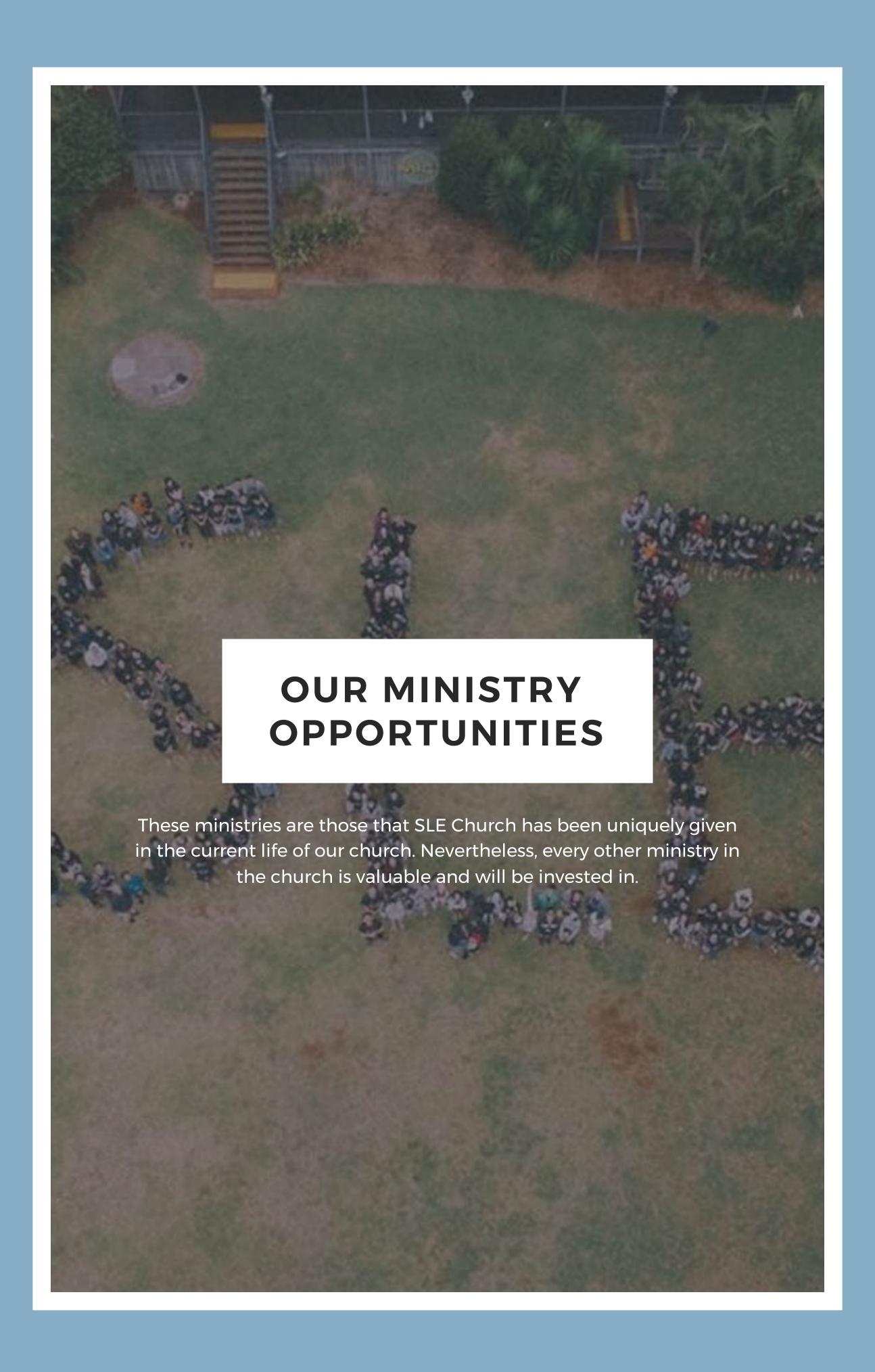
We believe the Bible calls everyone to maturity in Christ. We are committed to seeing unbelievers come to Christ, being grounded in the faith, and continuing on to maturity in life and doctrine. We seek to do this as a community devoted to discipling each other. We desire for every believer to not just be a convert, but an active witness and disciple of Jesus Christ.



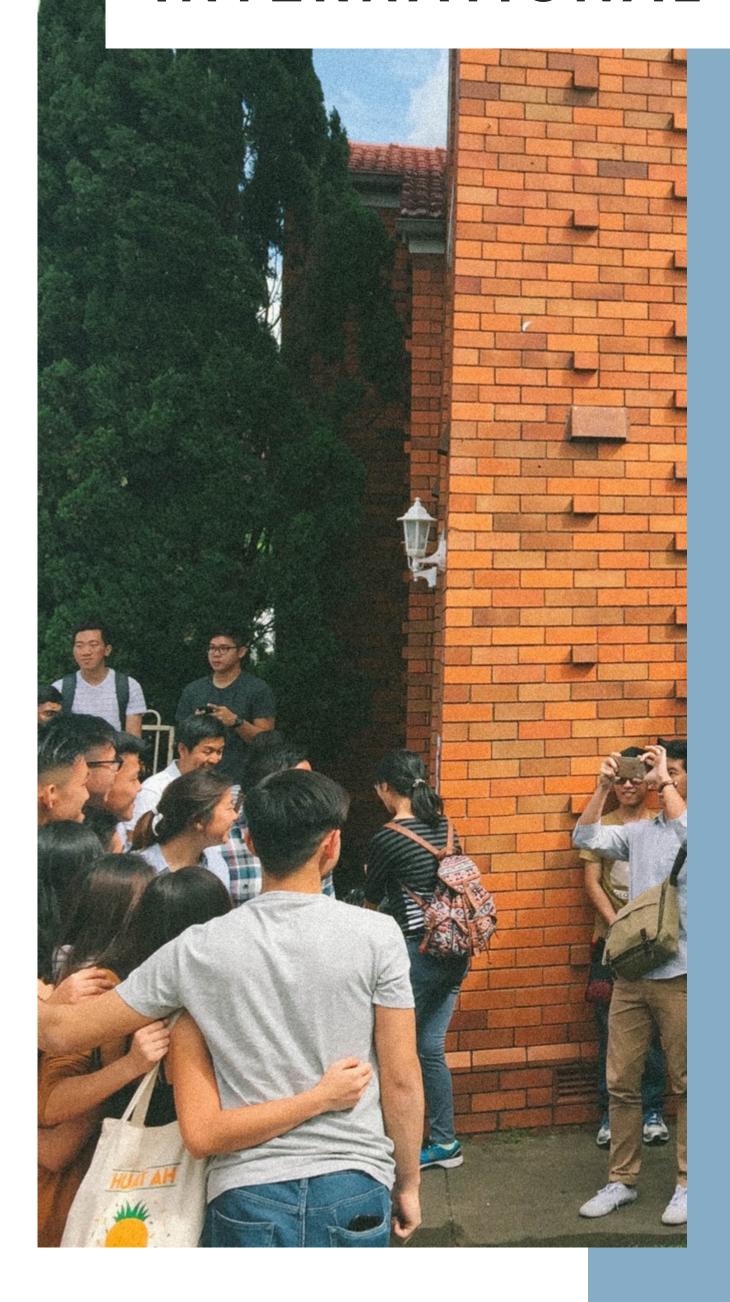
GOSPEL UNITY

We believe that the saving grace of Jesus Christ has broken down all barriers among believers. Through the gospel, believers from all backgrounds are reconciled to God and with each other. We relate to each other, resolve conflicts, and make decisions in a way which reflects our oneness in Christ.





INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS



We value the fact that God has placed us close to universities from which international students can come to our church. This has given us especial opportunities to minister to these students. We are committed to help them come to Christ and grow in maturity during their time with us and be equipped to serve their churches back home.

CHILDREN

We value the fact that God has given our church many children and we are committed to passing on the gospel to them. We share an ongoing commitment with parents to help their children grow to be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ.





OUR VISION

CHRIST-CENTRED COMMUNITY

THAT PROCLAIMS THE

GOSPEL TO UNBELIEVERS

GROWS DISCOPLES OF

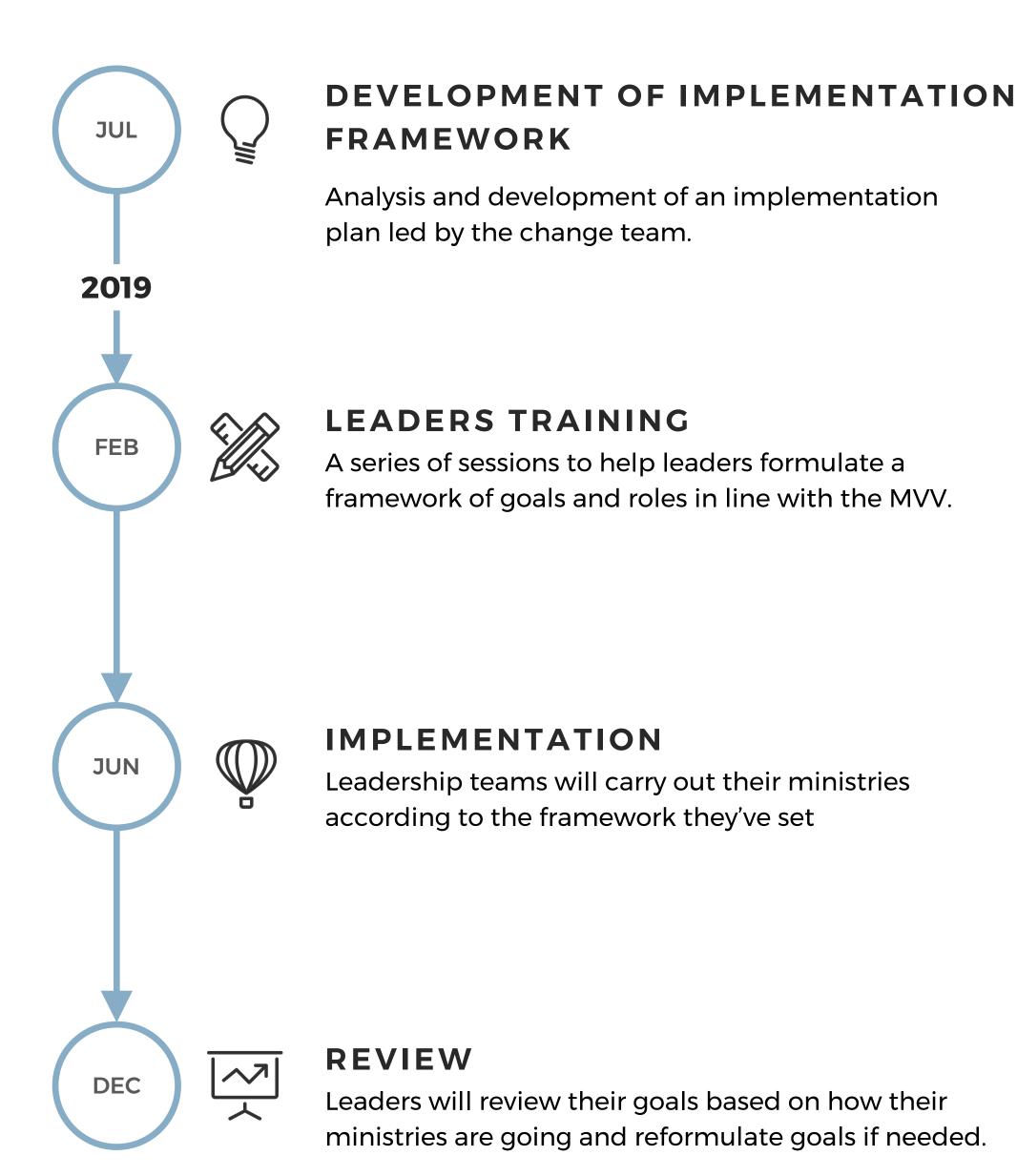
COMMUNITY

WE SEEK TO BE

- A. A church community where gospel-centred expository preaching is clearly evident within every ministry including preaching from the pulpit, bible studies, and Sunday School.
- B. A discipling church community that regularly invites and evangelises unbelievers in the hope that they will repent and believe in the gospel. A discipling church community that equips every believer to mature in their understanding of God's Word and to be a disciple-maker.
- C. A church community where every believer is convicted of and committed to gospel unity, and seeks to express oneness in Christ. This is shown through genuine love, sacrificial service, reconciliation, and cross-generational fellowship.
- D. A church community that cherishes prayer as a privilege and a vital element of the Christian life, and seeks to pray both regularly and opportunistically as individuals and in community.
- E. A church community that recognises our unique God-given opportunities to minister to international students and children and seeks to be faithful in this work.

IMPLEMENTATION TIMELINE

A broad overview of the phases for implementing SLE Church's new MVV.



QUESTIONS & FEEDBACK

If you would like to find out more about our mission, values, and vision, or would like to be more involved, please get in touch.



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