

## Study Guide - HCBC Values – Prophetic

### Questions on our church value of being Prophetic:

**Eph 4: 11-12 says ‘Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers,<sup>12</sup> to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up’**

- Which of these ministry giftings do you already see in the people in your group and the wider church family?

**Does this description of a prophet line up with your understanding of Biblical prophets?**

- Know God’s will.
- Particularly attuned to God and his truth for today.
- Listening.
- Bring correction and challenge the dominant assumptions we inherit from the culture.
- Insist that the community obey what God has commanded.
- Question the status quo.

**What does it look like today, in our church, to speak and act prophetically, while ‘speaking the truth in love’ (Eph 4:15)?**

**If you believe God is wanting to speak through you, how do you respond? Are there similarities with the prophetic callings of Jeremiah (Ch 1) and Isaiah (Ch 6)?**

- How do you discern if it is God speaking to and through you and how would you test it, after a prophetic word is spoken?

**Do you have experience of God speaking prophetically through or to you?**

- Was it something that ‘encouraged and blessed’ you or others?
- If it wasn’t an ‘encouragement or blessing’, how does it make you feel about engaging in the prophetic again?

### Questions about our 6 Church Values:

As we wrestle with our 6 church values (Sacrificial, Worshipping, Missionary/Missional and Prophetic – with Holy and Inclusive still to come), take the opportunity in the next few weeks, to start to collectively ask ourselves...

1. Is this who we are?
2. Do we ‘own’ these values as a church and live them out well?
3. Are there any values that are obviously missing?
4. Could we summarise our values in a sentence or reduce them down to 3 other words?