

VALUES - DNA

1. **Jesus** - Jesus is the highest authority. He is the Word revealed. What he says matters most.
2. **Justice** - Justice is about repairing what is broken and putting things to right. Justice recognizes that there are systems at work in this world that are anti-Christ and that oppress one person while elevating another. Jesus' work is not good news for anyone if it's not good news for EVERYONE.
3. **Holistic** - We believe that the work of Jesus impacts every area of a person's life and culture. We reject unfounded categories that divide the world into uniquely sacred or purely secular. God is redeeming all of creation through Jesus.
4. **Hospitality** - In Jesus, the table has been set and humanity has been invited back into relationship with the Divine. This love is extravagant, welcoming and inclusive. It knows no boundaries. We want to be a community that does the same for one another and for the world we live in.
5. **Authenticity** - We want our insides to match our outsides and we want to be the kind of community where that is possible in the most appropriate ways. At AWAKEN we don't beat around the bush with tough issues and we commit to being honest with one another because we are interested in truth expressed in love and grace.
6. **Beauty** - God is a creative God. We are made in the image of this God. Therefore, within every human is the desire and capability to create. AWAKEN values beauty, art, and the creative process where we tend to something from a vision in our minds/ hearts and bring it to life in time and space.