

SUNRISE CHURCH – PHILOSOPHY OF MINISTRY

At Sunrise Church we have an approach to doing ministry that's dear to us. This philosophy of ministry includes several important values.

COMMITTED TO COMMUNITY

We hold to 1 Peter 4:8-9 and hold a deep desire to create spaces for authentic community to take place. This is weaved into our how we welcome and love guests, to encouraging life to ministry to be shared in homes, to eating meals together, and to prioritising small groups spaces.

SPIRIT-EMPOWERED

It is our desire to equip and release confident, Spirit-filled followers of Jesus. To see Sunrise Church filled with the presence and power of God, overflowing with love and hope to their surrounding communities. Equipping Sunrise partners to move in the power of the Holy Spirit. Encouraging generosity from individuals as well as from the church itself. We value the power of prayer, as well as an approach in all our ministry times that gives space to be led by the Holy Spirit. We hold to Galatians 5:25 as a guiding Scripture in this regard.

KINGDOM-MINDED

Sunrise will endeavour to be a missional church, intentionally furthering God's Kingdom in both local communities and abroad. There is an emphasis on relational networking with like-minded churches and ministries. Sunrise Church should be viewed as fulfilling a vital part of God's broader plan for His Kingdom. We believe that God's Kingdom is already here in many ways, but it's not yet fully complete.

MEN AND WOMEN SERVING TOGETHER

At Sunrise, we see in Scripture that both men and women have been created as equal in the image of God. We believe that equality doesn't necessarily mean that men and women are completely the same. Each gender has a unique beauty that reflected God's glory. We believe that God raises church leaders based on calling, obedience, character, grace, and spiritual gifts. We believe both men and women can and should lead, preach, pastor, and minister within the church. We don't just permit, but value the presence of both men and women within church leadership, including the officer of elder. We see this to be in line with the teaching of the Scriptures, as well as being practical and wise.