

IMPORTANT PHRASES

This is an ever changing collection of phrases and images that describe who we hope to be and what we hope to achieve together.

We don't exist for ourselves. As a church we see ourselves as being sent in the same way Jesus was sent (John 17¹⁸). This means embracing his call to see our community and world engaged and transformed. We are constantly active in working for the kingdom.

GLOCAL is a combination of two words, global and local. In one word it expresses our desire to see God's kingdom come right here in our local community and in other parts of the world.

We strive to be the most loving, compassionate, generous, just community on the face of the planet. We fail this ideal all the time but believe that this is who we are called to be as followers of Jesus. We hold high the ideal of being a family together and hope that everyone can find their place in our midst.

BRBC is a community of people who long to see God's kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven. We want to be a people of love so we invite people to join our family, where people are accepted and welcome, warts and all. We are also a people of hope who want to point people towards Jesus and the hope that he offers to this world and everyone who lives in it. If you are on a journey towards Jesus then, no matter where you start from, you are on our journey.



let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream! Amos 5:22

The idea of justice or righteousness is about doing God's will in all areas of life: law, government, ethical integrity, gracious actions, families and communities. Often people who are powerless or poor suffer injustice so our calling as people representing Jesus is to stand with them and work for God's will to be done. We are to be a trickle of water that becomes part of the never-failing stream.

In the act of believing, you have real and eternal life in the way he personally revealed it. John 20:31

Believing in Jesus is more than knowing about him or liking what he stands for, it is actually about being in Jesus. This sounds a bit weird but probably the best way to understand it is to think of baptism. The imagery is about embracing all that his death means (rescuing this world from sin) and all that his resurrection means (re-creating the earth including you and I the way it ought to be).



To be a people of love means that we need to act first. Rather than waiting for people to love us we ought to emulate God who took the initiative in loving us. Our love will be measured by the way we love those who we find difficult to love!

It's much easier to know about Jesus, to do work in his name or to be a fan than it is to be his disciple. We can believe without following him. We can admire him without ever encountering him. We can do things in his name and for him without knowing why. But following him as a disciple means encountering him personally and following him until we become "little Jesuses".

As a church we want to be disciples who make disciples. We want to hear for ourselves the words of Jesus, "follow me" and help others hear the same.

