

Central Survey Report 2025- 44 responses.

• Mission 3.78 • Community 4.11 • Discipleship 4.23 • Leadership 3.93 •

Community and Discipleship: Enthusiasm for Prayer & Worship night stands out.

People highly value the time spent worshipping God together.

People feel they're growing as disciples though this and Sunday services, City & Life Groups. Some feel they belong, others less so; lots of people have a friendship group, often overlapping with their City Group, but don't know people outside that group as well. Some who don't have these existing friendships find coming into Central challenging. For some busyness was noted; as enthusiasm for discipleship and mission grows, as do work commitments and the personal cost of discipleship, multiplication and church planting is felt. So we're considering, are there new pathways into deeper discipleship that can support what we already do well. But overall enthusiasm, grace and unity is high for our community and discipleship - we're in a good place.

Mission: High enthusiasm for the banquets. They are a big undertaking but also it is more than just a handout, it's personal and gives people a taste of the kingdom and that invitation to seek Jesus. In Central there's a strong desire to be equipped for evangelism, justice and mission. There is a keenness to do more, and/or new things; whether that would be individuals regularly gathering others from Central to go and help with an external charity like the Lighthouse, or City Groups doing something together (like flyer for the banquet), or Central as a whole doing some regular one off events; like 'The Table' where people sign up to eat a meal, or running a course like 321 (which can be considered as 4 one off events or as a course).

So we need wisdom and unity; if we do a course but half the congregation would prefer a one off event, will they support and invite people to a course? And how does individual enthusiasm translate into actual manageable action that's within the mission we all share as Jesus' church?

Future: Central's current demographics are mostly 20-30s, this a supported cost of church planting; in the last 5 years Central has sent a lot of older Christians and leaders to South, then North. While Central feels supported, the cost is felt. We're in a new season, a time of rebuilding, building up new leaders and strengthening our roots in Christ. But it's really encouraging; Central is committed to the gospel mission, to counting the cost, people are stepping up to serve and lead. Central are aware that they're the body of Christ and gifted to serve God and they are enthusiastic to use their gifts, see the church grow and bear fruit. So let's be praying into this next season; will we become more multi-generational or do we focus on the 20s-30s demographic? Pray we'd all be re-envisioned for discipleship and evangelism, it's costly but it's fruitful.