

# Core Values

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## WE BELIEVE . . .

### **1. Sacrificially serving the military community<sup>1</sup> is a privilege**

Cadence believes in taking the posture of servants as we minister within the military community. We serve because it is the example and command of Christ. We serve because it effectively demonstrates the gospel. Although we serve all people in the military community, Cadence staff make the supportive service of military chaplains and chapel programs a priority. (Zephaniah 3:9; Ephesians 6:7; Philippians 2:3–4)

### **2. In the power of incarnate ministry**

“Incarnate,” verb: “To make an abstract idea concrete, usually through personification.” We want to live Jesus. We believe in following God’s example of incarnating His love for us in the person of His Son. We believe in initiating relationships with people in their worlds. This means our ministry must flow from our lives into their lives. This means we share the gospel through our genuine, humble, and incarnate love. (John 1:1, 3:22; 2 Timothy 3:10–14; 1 Thessalonians 2:8)

### **3. Maturity is the fruit of engaging in a relationship with the Word of God, the Spirit of God, and the people of God**

Cadence believes growth is a dynamic process involving the ongoing interaction between the Spirit of God within us, the people of God around us, and the Word of God growing in us and through us. We seek to develop and live in biblical community where Spirit-led truth is spoken in love so that the saints are encouraged, challenged, restored, and where the body of Christ grows in true unity of purpose and heart. We believe faith is the foundation for this process. (Ephesians 4:11–16, 5:18; Psalm 1; Romans 8:16, 26; Galatians 5:22–23; Acts 2:42)

### **4. In equipping believers for Great Commission multiplication**

Cadence believes in equipping people with the vision, knowledge, and skills needed to disciple and train others so the gospel will multiply exponentially. We believe in intentional

involvement in people’s lives which moves them forward in their commitment and heart to be Great Commission people in their families, communities, and in the world. (Matthew 28:18–19, 2 Timothy 2:2)

### **5. In the responsible and strategic deployment of all God-given resources**

Cadence believes God has given us people, finances, time, and energy to be used for the advancement of the gospel around the world. We believe we must be careful stewards of these resources, purposefully guarding the integrity of the mission. We believe these resources are not to be hoarded, but rather courageously deployed to the front lines of the battle. (2 Corinthians 8:16–22, 9:8–14)

### **6. Teamwork maximizes ministry effectiveness**

Cadence believes working together on eternal priorities maximizes the effectiveness of ministry. We believe in guarding the unity of the body, in developing the health of the body, and in utilizing the strength of the body to more powerfully advance the gospel of Jesus Christ. We believe a common purpose and love binds the team together and mobilizes it to action. We believe in partnering closely with the local church. (Philippians 1:27; Romans 15:5–7)

### **7. People in the military community need to know Christ**

Cadence believes eternal life begins with salvation and involves progressive knowledge of, and intimacy with, the Savior. Reaching lost people for Jesus will always be a priority in our lives and ministries. We believe knowing Christ is a life-long journey and central to the believer’s walk with God. Building this commitment into people is our passion. (John 17:3; Colossians 2:6–7)

*1. Cadence International defines the “military community” to not only include all those associated with the armed forces of America, but also those associated with the security forces of foreign nations.*