

## Mission Statement

Totley Rise Methodist Church is committed to "Seeking first the Kingdom of God".  
Matthew 6:33

We do that best when we give time and space corporately and personally in our worship and everyday lives to:

1) **Host God's Presence** – as we learn to host the presence of God, we become carriers of the presence of God wherever we go and whoever we meet. The Kingdom of God is within us and we can release that Kingdom power and authority into every situation.

Matthew 28:20 'I am with you always, even to the end of the age'. Psalm 27:4 'One thing I ask of the Lord, this is what I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to seek Him in His temple'.

2) **Display God's Power** – as people see the power of God released through miracles of healing, deliverance and salvation, God is glorified.

Matthew 10:7-8 'As you go, preach this message: "The Kingdom of God is near. Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons"'.  
2 Corinthians 4:20 'For the Kingdom of God is not a matter of talk but of power'.

3) **Feel and share the Passion of God** – as we draw near to God and host his presence we believe the Lord shares His heart and passion with us, for each other and for the lost. The Passion of God compels us to a life of service and care.

Matthew 9:35-36 'Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the good news of the Kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. When He saw the crowds, He had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd'.

4) **Live out the Purpose of God** – this is the business of being a disciple. In so doing we make disciples of others as we give special attention to faith sharing and the many forms that evangelism takes e.g. friendship evangelism, power evangelism and service evangelism.

Matthew 28:18-20 'And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and earth have been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age."'

Acts 1:8 'But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth'.

All of the above are inherent in the Lifeshapes triangle (Mike Breen 2004) – UP / IN / OUT. As we seek to live our lives in 3 dimensions we will live as Jesus did. He lived his life in this way: UP – with his Father; IN – with his chosen followers; OUT – with the hurting world around him. UP, IN, and OUT will help us to fulfil God's call on our lives to love God and to love others.

Matthew 22:37-39 'Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind". This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: "Love your neighbour as yourself".'