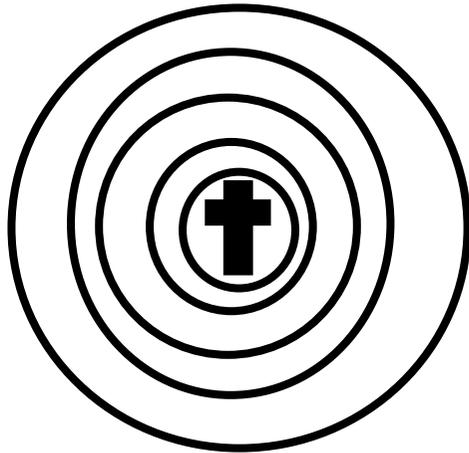


## FURTHER UP AND FURTHER IN

### Centred on Jesus – Reflections

#### Direction of travel:

- Put an arrow on the diagram reflecting your relationship with God in 2021.
- Put another one on that you hope will be how your relationship with God develops over 2022.



#### Reliance on God:

- How much / how often do you ask God to be at work in your life?
- What things do you regularly pray and ask God for?
- What are you asking God to do in Hope Hamilton Church and in the wider community of Hamilton?

#### The Word of God:

- What does Psalm 19:7-14 say that God's Word does?
- What is your process for spending time with God?
- How easy / hard do you find it? What do you want to change about it?

#### A few quotes...

Read and reflect on these quotes – what strikes you about them? Do you agree or disagree? Why?

- With deep roots in Scripture, our hearts and minds are cultivated to actively pursue the Kingdom of God, and in so doing, bring peace and wholeness to our broken communities.
  - David Bailey, Arrabon.
- Christians feed on Scripture. Holy Scripture nurtures the holy community as food nurtures the human body. Christians don't simply learn or study or use Scripture; we assimilate it, take it into our lives in such a way that it gets metabolised into acts of love, cups of cold water, missions into all the world, healing and evangelism and justice in Jesus' name, hands raised in adoration of the Father, feet washed in company with the Son.
  - Eugene Peterson.

#### Next steps:

We invite you this year to spend time each day encountering God through God's Word. There is another sheet with plenty of starting points for resources to help you. Look down this list as well and see what will help you spend more time with God this year.

- Daily Bible reading – delete as appropriate:
  - 5 / 10 / 20 / 30 minutes each day.
- Attending Sundays as often as possible.
- Morning prayer: Mondays and Thursdays at 9:30am
- Monthly prayer and worship hour: Fridays at 8pm
- Midweek groups – Bible Course (overview of the Bible)
- Images / journaling.
- Accountability pairs.
- Time with Ed to talk through regular Bible reading and how to make it your own.