

# Issues Facing the NZ Church

## Issues identified:

1. Lack of confidence in pointing people to Jesus through the gospel.
2. New Zealand can't be a pakeha church. People come here from other nations and cultures.
3. We need to raise future generations and encourage younger people into leadership.
4. The church is facing an issue of identity. We are one church, not competitors.
5. Unity – stand together.
6. We've lost our first love and our confidence in the gospel.
7. Lament and prayer come before renewal. Are we ready to do this?
8. Discipleship – how we encourage others to live.
9. Lack of credibility in the eyes of the world because of our lack of unity. Instead, they see conflict.
10. At the leadership level, there is a lack of open communication lines and structures to hear and work together better.
11. As migrants, we need to help ground our next generations in their cultural inheritance.
12. Lack of connection with the younger generation, and a unity and maturity to work together.
13. Disconnect between our church websites and how people (visitors) experience church on a Sunday. We aren't welcoming!
14. Biblical illiteracy. The definition of Biblical literacy is when someone knows the Bible well enough to make a meaningful difference in everyday life.
15. We need workers who are prepared to work for decades, and to have a succession plan in place for the next season.
16. Culture wants to cancel our fundamental beliefs. Are we going to let it, or are we going to continue to speak?
17. Listening both bi-culturally and multiculturally in a changing NZ. Also, a lack of confidence in Scripture and the gospel.
18. Are we fulfilling The Great Commission? We lack vision and intentionality to plant new types of churches.