

COMPASS BEARINGS

Four Loves

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President Gary Walter discusses four values arising from our Pietist roots that have shaped the Covenant Church.

1. The Covenant Church has always placed a high value on Scripture. When do you think following God's word becomes costly or countercultural?
2. What does it mean to be "devotional people"?
3. Gary Walter says that when we face the world and serve, we can demonstrate the real difference God's values make in real people in real places. How do you most often make a difference with people in the world who are different from you?
4. It can be easier to understand and connect with others when we understand their pain. What life experiences have helped you better understand the pain of others?
5. How balanced do you think your church is in the four values that comprise the character of the Covenant—biblical, devotional, missional, and connectional? What challenges might arise if a community neglects one or more of these values?