

Life Notes *Understanding Our Core Values*

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Core Value #6 – Relational Evangelism:

- We believe that all Christians share the responsibility of intentionally sharing the Gospel within their network of relationships.

What does this Core Value mean?

- One of the last wishes of Jesus while He was on earth is found in Matthew 28:18-20. It is called “The Great Commission,” and in that statement He commanded us to go into all the world and preach the Gospel.
- Jesus also expressed to His disciples that we would be witness in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and the uttermost parts of the earth (Acts 1:8). By this He meant that we would be witnesses locally, regionally, nationally, and globally.
- Paul taught that we are all “Ambassadors for Christ,” urging people everywhere to be reconciled to God (2 Corinthians 5:20).

Why is this Core Value important?

- The danger of ignoring this Core Value:
 - When the church forgets her mission of evangelism, the result is lost souls.
 - The teaching of Luke 15 is that apart from Christ, mankind is as weak as a lost sheep, as worthless as lost silver, and as wretched as a lost son. It is the Father’s desire that all come to repentance and enjoy restored fellowship with Him (Luke 15:7, 10; 2 Peter 3:9).

- The principle we embrace:

- The teaching of the Gospels highlights the mission of the Savior - the Lamb of God who was slain before the foundation of the earth (Luke 19:10).
- The pattern in the Book of Acts is the focus on a missional church whose goal is the evangelization of all peoples (Acts 1:8; 2:39-47).
- The epistles elaborate upon the work of redemption we have received through Christ and His Gospel (Romans 6-8).
- The Book of Revelation celebrates the day when the Gospel message will fully prevail throughout all creation (Revelation 19-22).

How can I make this Core Value part of my life?

- Become thoroughly familiar with the four foundations of the Gospel. Follow Peter’s advice and be ready to explain to every man the basis for your hope in Christ (1 Peter 3:15).
- Enroll in one of our classes on sharing your faith. Whether your approach is Evangelism Explosion, Lifestyle Evangelism, Contagious Christianity, or one of our courses offered on Right Now Media, find your style and strength - and get busy spreading the Good News!!!
- Ask God to give you a fertile field in which to work. Pray for family, friends, coworkers, and neighbors by name. Include strangers! Ask God to prepare their hearts, and give you opportunity to witness for Christ Jesus.

The result of believing this Core Value:

- We will obey the command of our Lord to be witnesses and ambassadors (Acts 1:8).
- You will receive reward for your faithful labor when we stand before God (Proverbs 11:30).
- Souls will be won to The Lord! (Ezekiel 3:17-21)