



MESSAGE NOTES & SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE WEEK 2 – CORE VALUES, PART 1

WEEK 1 IN REVIEW

Our Mission Statement:

Our mission is to move the world for the kingdom of God by leading people to know, love, and follow Jesus.

Vision: a faith-fueled anticipation of mission in action

Our Vision Statement:

Our vision is to be a hope-filled community that serves as a catalyst for life change through a relentless commitment to Jesus for the good of our neighbors and the world

WHY DO CORE VALUES MATTER?

- We don't always _____ what we _____, but we always _____ what we _____
- Values help us make decisions _____ our mission and vision
- Values serve to provide _____ when there is _____

OUR CORE VALUES, PART 1

- We are committed to living out _____ demonstrated through _____

¹⁴The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

– John 1:14

- We are committed to loving our community through _____

¹⁶This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters. ¹⁷If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person? ¹⁸Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.

– 1 John 3:16-18

- We are committed to _____ in order to make Jesus known

¹⁸As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. ¹⁹“Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will send you out to fish for people.” ²⁰At once they left their nets and followed him. ²¹Going on from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in a boat with their father Zebedee, preparing their nets. Jesus called them, ²²and immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him..

– Matthew 4:18-22

DIGGING DEEPER:

1. How can you tell what a person values?
2. Based upon your answer to the previous answer, what are some core values that people might conclude from how you live your life?
3. Why are core values important for an individual? family? organization? church?
4. What are some benefits of having and applying core values to decisions and opportunities?
5. Why do truth and grace seem to be at odds with one another?
6. What are some ways that Jesus demonstrated a commitment to both truth *and* grace?
7. Do you agree with the following statement: *Genuine love requires sacrificial service?* Why or why not?
8. What are some examples of sacrificial service that you have seen or experienced?
9. How has Jesus shown us love through sacrificial service?
10. Why are people afraid of taking risks?
11. How might this fear prevent someone from telling others about Jesus? worshipping with abandon? being generous with what they have been given?
12. How can you begin to put these values into practice in your own life?