

Core Values ~ Lesson 3: Ministry Values

Mission: To bring wholeness to people, families and communities with the Word of God, work of Holy Spirit and His Presence through authentic, loving relationships.

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Missions – Fulfilling The Great Commission locally and to the ends of the Earth through the Local Church.

- 1) **We hold that our fundamental purpose or mission is to preach the Gospel and make Disciples locally and worldwide.**
 - a) **Mark 16:14** “Later He appeared to the eleven as they sat at the table; and He rebuked their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they did not believe those who had seen Him after He had risen. 15 And He said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. 16 He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned. 17 And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; 18 they[b] will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover.”
 - b) **Matthew 28:16** Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, to the mountain which Jesus had appointed for them. 17 When they saw Him, they worshiped Him; but some doubted. 18 And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. 19 Go therefore[c] and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” Amen.
 - c) **Acts 1:8** But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”
 - d) **Luke 10:2** Then He said to them, “The harvest truly *is* great, but the laborers *are* few; therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.

- 2) **We know that Jesus’ heart is for the lost, therefore the heart of His Body (the Church) must be for the lost.**
 - a) **2 Peter 3:9** The Lord is not slack concerning *His* promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.
 - b) **Luke 15:7** I say to you that likewise there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine just persons who need no repentance.
 - c) **Luke 15 – Lost Sheep, Lost Coin, Lost Son**
 - d) God get behind those who get behind His agenda.

- 3) **We believe that leading others to believe in Jesus and make a commitment to Him is just the beginning of the Great Commission.**

- 4) **We understand that the Church is the instrument by which Jesus is advancing His Kingdom on the Earth, therefore our local and international ministry is dedicated to planting, building, supporting, strengthening and adding to the Local Church.**
 - a) “Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of men in their deceitful scheming. Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is, Christ. From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.” **(Ephesians 4:14-16)**
 - b) **Matthew 16:18-19, Acts 2:47, 9:31, 14:23, 15:3-4, 22, 16:5, 20:28, Ephesians 3:10, 21**

Wholeness – Helping others to have a complete, free and abundant life.

- 1) **Jesus’ ministry is to the whole person, therefore our ministry is to make the whole person (body, soul and spirit), whole.**
 - a) **Isaiah 61, Matthew 25:35-36,**
 - b) **Mark 1:39** And He was preaching in their synagogues throughout all Galilee, and casting out demons.
 - c) **John 10:10** “I have come that they may have life, and that they may have *it* more abundantly.”
 - d) **Colossians 1:28** (NASB) We proclaim Him, admonishing every man and teaching every man with all wisdom, so that we may present every man complete in Christ.
- 2) **We hold that Jesus died and rose again for more than our salvation, but so that we may be free.**
 - a) **John 8:36** “Therefore if the son makes you free, you shall be free indeed.”
- 3) **We believe living free, victorious lives, means learning and engaging in Spiritual Warfare for ourselves, others and for the advancement of the Kingdom.**
 - a) **Romans 8:37** “..we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.”
 - b) **Ephesians 6:12** For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual *hosts* of wickedness in the heavenly *places*.
 - a) **1 Peter 5:8-9, Galatians 5:1, Ephesians 6:10-20, Colossians 2:15, James 4:7,**

Family – Building God-centered, Bible-based marriages and families.

- 1) **We hold that healthy, God-centered marriages and families are central to the health of The Church as well as to children, communities, the nation and the World.**
- 2) **We unashamedly, without compromise or doubt hold that the Bible sets the model for marriage and families, therefore we live to be the model.**
 - a) **Matthew 19:4 (NKJV)** And He answered and said to them, “Have you not read that He who made them at the beginning ‘made them male and female,’ 5 and said, ‘For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two

shall become one flesh'? 6 So then, they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let not man separate.”

- b) **Malachi 2:16** “For the Lord God of Israel says That He hates divorce, For it covers one’s garment with violence,”
- c) **1 Timothy 5:8** (NKJV) But if anyone does not provide for his own, and especially for those of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.
- a) Genesis 2:18-24, Ephesians 5:22-23, Exodus 20:12, Proverbs 1:8, 6:20, Ephesians 6:1-2, Colossians 3:20, Joshua 24:15, Proverbs 31, Psalm 103:17,

Equipping – Mentoring, teaching and releasing all ages into their God-given destiny.

- 1) **We are charged with developing and releasing believers for the work of the ministry.**
 - a) **Ephesians 4:11** And He Himself gave some *to be* apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, 12 for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, 13 till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ; 14 that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting, 15 but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ— 16 from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.
- 2) **We make disciples by mentoring, teaching and reproducing ourselves in others.**
 - a) **2 Timothy 2:2-4** (NKJV) And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.
 - b) Colossians 1:28, 1 Corinthians 1:11
- 3) **We are called to raise up servant-leaders, spiritual sons and daughters, from within the Local Church.**
 - a) **1 Corinthians 4:16-18** (NKJV) Therefore I urge you, imitate me. 17 For this reason I have sent Timothy to you, who is my beloved and faithful son in the Lord, who will remind you of my ways in Christ, as I teach everywhere in every church.

Community – Being an active part of our communities by loving and serving others.

- 1) **We understand that the way to reach our community with the Gospel begins by truly loving and serving them.**
- 2) **We strive to be active in our community in order to be visible and close enough to shine the Light of Christ.**

Isaiah 58:7 *Is it* not to share your bread with the hungry, And that you bring to your house the poor who are cast out; When you see the naked, that you cover him, And not hide yourself from your own flesh? **8** Then your light shall break forth like the morning, Your healing shall spring forth speedily, And your righteousness shall go before you; The glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard.

Matthew 5:13 “You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt loses its flavor, how shall it be

seasoned? It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men.

14 "You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden.
Matthew 25