

All Nations Culture **Value Three - Extend**

Preamble

Vision statement that sets out what we are aiming

For all people to glorify God through knowing Jesus, becoming like Jesus, and making Jesus known.

Values - We have seven things we believe are important in establishing our culture to move towards the vision

- A culture where the Holy Spirit is welcome not just as a visitor but to stay.

- Jesus - We want Jesus to be the centre of all we do. We seek his presence, his leading and follow his example.
- Community - We value relationship and seek to grow authentic community.
- Faith - Hope - Love - We want to be clothed in audacious faith, insurmountable hope and extravagant love.
- Kingdom lifestyle - We want to cultivate kingdom lifestyles of honour and generosity.
- Spiritual disciplines - We embrace spiritual disciplines to empower supernatural lives.
- Sacrifice - We want to live humble and sacrificial lives, that serve others.
- Extend - We are committed to advancing the kingdom of God through proclamation and good works.

Expectations of people who call All Nations their family

1. Worship - That you will be committed to our gathering and worship on a Sunday
 2. Prayer - To pray together as a Church family
 3. Community - In a life group, walking this journey with others
 4. Giving - Following the Biblical principal and command of worshipping God with a portion of your income
 5. Serving - Find an area to serve in and be a champion
- I want to remind of us our Values and to help new family members to hear and know them
 - The aim being that we all be committed to making these OUR values
 - These were birthed out of a direct response to the Lord in creating a culture that welcomes and sustains a Holy Spirit environment

- They Our CODE - Family Values, the way we do things and a commitment we are making
- Value 1 Jesus - We want Jesus to be the centre of all we do. We seek his presence, his leading and follow his example.
- Value 2 Community - We value relationship and seek to grow authentic community.

Introduction

This week we are looking at **Extend**

- We are committed to advancing the kingdom of God through proclamation and good works

Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. [19] Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, [20] and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.” **Matthew 28:18-20**

Becoming a Missional People

- It's great to have a Missional Church - In terms of planting new campuses
- But we need Missional People - Who reaching into the places they are planted
- Disciples reproducing Disciples

"Let me tell you why you are here. You're here to be salt-seasoning that brings out the God-flavours of this earth. If you lose your saltiness, how will people taste godliness? You've lost your usefulness and will end up in the garbage. [14-16] "Here's another way to put it: You're here to be light, bringing out the God-colours in the world. God is not a secret to be kept. We're going public with this, as public as a city on a hill. If I make you light-bearers, you don't think I'm going to hide you under a bucket, do you? I'm putting you on a light stand. Now that I've put you there on a hilltop, on a light stand-shine! Keep open house; be generous with your lives. By opening up to others, you'll prompt people to open up with God, this generous Father in heaven. **Matthew 5:13-16 MSG**

We are committed to advancing the kingdom of God through proclamation and good works. The church's mission comprises the following in partnership not competition

- Proclamation,
- Healing and Miraculous
- Works of compassion
- Advocacy
- Intercession

Paul's Heart and Desire

Though I am free and belong to no one, I have made myself a slave to everyone, to win as many as possible. To the Jews I became like a Jew, to win the Jews. To those under the law I became like one under the law (though I myself am not under the law), so as to win those under the law. To those not having the law I became like one not having the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law), so as to win those not having the law. To the weak I became weak, to win the weak. I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some. I do all this for the sake of the gospel, that I may share in its blessings. **1**

corinthians 9.19-23 NIV

Even though I am free of the demands and expectations of everyone, I have voluntarily become a servant to any and all in order to reach a wide range of people: **20** religious, nonreligious, **21** meticulous moralists, loose-living immoralists, **22** the defeated, the demoralised—whichever. I didn't take on their way of life. I kept my bearings in Christ—but I entered their world and tried to experience things from their point of view. I've become just about every sort of servant there is in my attempts to lead those I meet into a God-saved life. **23** I did all this because of the Message. I didn't just want to talk about it; I wanted to be in on it! **1 Corinthians 9.19.23 MSG**

- Paul was free - I am free from the demands and expectations of everyone
- He chose to add value to others - I have voluntarily become a servant to any and all - He wants to bless and value to others
- He didn't compromise his Integrity - I didn't take on their way of life. I kept my bearings in Christ - but I entered their world
- One purpose - I serve in order to lead those I meet into a God saved life
- For Christ and his cross - For the sake of the Gospel - I want to share in its blessing

Conclusion - Our Takeaway

Also, seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the Lord for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper.”

Jeremiah 29.7

- Make Blessing a lifestyle
 - Live to add value to other people
 - Love on them - People are valuable and precious, they are not a project
1. Begin with Prayer - I will pray for the people in my life and the places I am in.
 - Make this your default position
 - Pray not only for yourself but for others
 - Have a short list of those you are believing God to save.

2. Listen - I will listen to and discover the needs of others and the places where God is at work
 - Learn to listen -
 - Ask questions about others and not just speak about yourself
 - Silence your own heart to truly listen to other people - Be a friend

3. Eat - I will share meals and spend time with people
 - Sharing food is so powerful
 - It creates a bond - invites somebody into your world
 - It's quite a personal and intimate thing

4. Serve - I will respond to the needs of others and help them in practical and impactful ways
 - Look for ways to serve others, to add value for their lives
 - Make servanthood your life posture

Jesus called them together and said, "You know that those who are regarded as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." **Mark 10.42-45**

5. Share your story - I will share the story of Jesus and he is doing in my life with others
 - Speak Jesus when and where appropriate
 - We do need clear sensitive and yet unashamed explanation of the goodness and saving power of Jesus
 - Share your personal story - what Jesus has done for you