

# W.O.R.D: Outreach

Values help to define who you are.

- They direct, help make decisions, provide boundaries.
- They inform your mission and vision.
- **What are your values?** What do other people think your values are?

Our first value is **worship**.

*Jesus is the Christ, the Messiah, the King. He rules now over his Kingdom and our glad response for his life, death, resurrection and rule is worship: obedience, giving, singing, witness and declaration to name just a few facets of the worshipful life. Our life of worship of Jesus as King is our daily intentional relationship with him.*

Our second value is **outreach**.

**Matthew 28** 16 Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. 17 When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. 18 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, baptizing 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."

As Matthew tells the story, Jesus rises and meets the women: verse 16 is the first time Jesus meets the disciples. (Why this narrational choice?)

- They see their king and worship him.
- They go to the nations to **outreach**, (the nations came to Jesus at the beginning of Matthew) because that's Jesus' heart.

Outreach flows from our worship of the resurrected King.

- We follow him. Serve him. Do what he tells us to do. **Do what he does.**
- If we worship Jesus what is important to Jesus becomes important to us.
- It makes sense to want to please the one you worship.
- **It's not only duty.** It's not primarily duty.

When we don't know what outreach requires we tend to not do it. So what does outreach require?

- Outreach doesn't require a special skill or gift.
  - It's something everyone can do and nobody can outreach like you.

- Evangelist inspire, motivate and reproduce themselves.
- Outreach doesn't require maturity
  - It doesn't matter how long you've been a Christian
  - Statistically most outreach takes place the less mature a Christian. Why?
- Outreach doesn't require answers.
  - Sometimes we think we need to have all the answers for someone's questions.
  - We start with a story: our story and Jesus'.

#### Outreach requires sharing a message

- We have good news to share: Jesus is the true King, of the true humanity and he empowers his people to bring healing to a broken world. Let me show you a better way to live.
- This is what Jesus did for me. (my story)

#### Outreach requires generosity and compassion.

- It takes time, money, planning, prayer.
- Generosity expressed as hospitality is most of the battle for outreach
  - Invite people into your home. Invite yourself into other people's home.

#### Outreach requires intention.

- I will have Jesus' heart. I will love people. I will invite them into my life.
- I will do so when it is not convenient. I will put the needs of others above my own. I will serve like Jesus served me.

### **Conclusion**

*A natural extension of our worshipful relationship with Jesus is his heart becomes our heart, his kingdom becomes our kingdom and his mission become our mission. We exist, and it is our joy, to proclaim the good news that Jesus is the promised King of God's people, who has come to pay the price for our rebellion against him, to heal humanity of it's brokenness and to lead us into the fullness of the new creation.*

*We live a life of outreach by intentionally creating space in our minds and daily lives for those who don't know Jesus as their King. With our minds we outreach through prayer and with our daily lives we outreach through inviting people to be part of our lives, our homes and our community.*

What requires communication, generosity and compassion and intention?

- A relationship

- Relationships have a level of risk, discomfort. Sometimes we think things would be easier by ourselves.
- But we wouldn't last long.

Outreach is our intentional relationship with those around us that don't know Jesus as their King, yet.