

Core Values
“Outreach: Getting on God’s Agenda”
Part 3
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1. I am living God’s agenda when I _____ about the unchurched

John 3:16 “For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.” (NLT)

II Cor. 5:18 “And all of this is a gift from God, who brought us back to himself through Christ. And God has given us this task of reconciling people to him.” (NLT)

- We must care about more than _____

- We must love the people of this world not _____

John 3:17 “God sent his Son into the world not to judge the world, but to save the world through him.” (NLT)

Luke 15:1-2 “Tax collectors and other notorious sinners often came to listen to Jesus teach. ² This made the Pharisees and teachers of religious law complain that he was associating with such sinful people—even eating with them!” (NLT)

2. I am living God’s agenda when I meet _____

Matt. 25:40 “And the King will say, ‘I tell you the truth, when you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were doing it to me!’ (NLT)

- Loving people _____ to meet needs

- Meeting needs is what Jesus said _____ loving people

3. I am living God’s agenda when I _____ for Jesus

Acts 1:8 “But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” (NLT)

- Witnessing without power is _____

- Allow Jesus to change your life so you can become a _____

4. I am living God’s agenda when I behave as _____

Matt. 5:13-16 “You are the salt of the earth. But what good is salt if it has lost its flavor? Can you make it salty again? It will be thrown out and trampled underfoot as worthless.

¹⁴ “You are the light of the world—like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden. ¹⁵ No one lights a lamp and then puts it under a basket. Instead, a lamp is placed on a stand, where it gives light to everyone in

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the house. ¹⁶ ***In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father.***” (NLT)

- Salt and light actions are _____
- Salt and light action point people _____
 - Love without an _____
 - Unity beyond the _____
 - Sacrifice that only benefits _____

Discussion Questions:

1. Why do you feel outreach is one of the most avoided practices for most followers of Jesus? What are some of the greatest hindrances that stop people from living this way?
2. Why do some people draw the conclusion that if we love unchurched people in the midst of their brokenness, we are somehow condoning their actions? What type of example did Jesus set?
3. How can we improve at being aware of and meeting tangible needs around us? How is the story of the Good Samaritan an example of this?
4. Discuss witnessing as simply sharing what has been real in you. When we try to witness about something we have not had first-hand experience with, why does it feel awkward and forced? How easy is it to witness about something you have personally experienced?
5. How do we practically live being salt and light in our broken world?
6. What is one way you can grow in being on God’s outreach agenda?