



## Core Values 2.0

love God - build the Church - reach the World

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### RBC Nashville Core Values

#### love God

- By Pursuing God in the Word and Prayer
- By Worshipping God Corporately and Personally

#### build the Church

- By Making and Maturing Disciples of Christ
- By Equipping and Serving the Body of Christ

#### reach the World

- By Planting Churches Locally and Abroad
- By Serving Communities in Mercy and Justice

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### reach the World - by Planting Churches Locally and Abroad

- An age old plan - Gen17:1-8
- Prophetic anticipation - Is42:1-7
- The coming of Jesus - Jn3:16-17
- The commission of Jesus - Mt28:19
- The direction of Jesus - Act1:6-11
- A shift under the New Covenant in regards to the nations from "come and see" to "go and tell"
- A mystery made known - Eph3:1-6

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### reach the World - by Planting Churches Locally and Abroad

#### A Case Study - Act14:21-23

- Preach the Gospel
- Make disciples
- Encourage disciples
- [Church existing where there are disciples]
- Appoint leadership who will teach, equip, and mature
- Commit to the Lord with prayer and fasting
- Repeat Great Commission

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**reach the World - by Planting Churches Locally and Abroad**

- **Planting churches is the result, not the primary goal, of the Great Commission**
  - If this isn't kept in mind, the *primary* driver can become collecting the already converted (who certainly need a healthy flock)
  - Establishing leadership for disciples is totally legit
  - The *primary* driver is preaching the Gospel for conversion, making disciples, which creates church
- **Modeling Paul's ambition** - Rom15:17-21
  - Whether a nation, a people group, an individual person
- For this we should **pray, equip, go,** and **preach** the Gospel

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**reach the World - by Serving Communities in Mercy and Justice**

**A Closer Look at Isaiah 58:1-14**

- A bold call to listen (1)
- Privatized spirituality and request for personal justice (2)
- Their question and the prophet's response (3-5)
- The call to true spirituality (6-14)

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**reach the World - by Serving Communities in Mercy and Justice**

**Overview of Biblical reasons we ought to be concerned for mercy/justice?**

- The consequences of the Fall* - Genesis 3-11
- The commands of the Law* - Deuteronomy 10:18-19
- The call of the Poets and Prophets* - Micah 6:8
- The teaching and example of Jesus* - Matthew 23:23
- The teaching and example of the Apostles* - Galatians 6:10
- The standard of the final Judgement* - Matthew 25:31-46
- The promise of the World to come* - Revelation 21:1-4

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**reach the World - by Serving Communities in Mercy and Justice**

**The priority of the Gospel**

Not either/or, but both with a undergirding of what is eternal.

While we are to put a priority on the eternal needs of others, we are not to neglect the temporal needs of others.

Two possible ditches:

- The drift into a merely "social gospel"
- The drift into a "hyper-spiritualized gospel"

The cultural discussions and application necessitate nuance, conversation, and clarity, not merely summarized mottos.

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**Applications to RBCN**

By serving **communities**...wherever we live, work, play, and worship

This is the reason for our inviting speakers from various ministries, making opportunities known

Our desire to encourage and intermingle the varying gifts of Christ within His body and apply them in a variety of ways

Not everyone can/ought to do everything

Some things church-wide, other things individual

The place of calling/vocation - (parenting...education...righteous laws...medical fields...engineering...building maintenance...real estate...accounting, etc.).

The devastation of cultures without equity, mercy, and justice in peoples' ordinary work (i.e. Zambia).

The constant temptation to do these things merely to gain a paycheck or merely gaining converts rather than doing work redemptively.

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