



# Core Values 3.0

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 - Act1:6-8
- 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 gathered disciples is totally legit
  - The primary driver is preaching the Gospel for conversion, making disciples, which creates churches as the live life together
- Paul's ambition as model - 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)
- We can trace out the application of this in the context of the NT church in the Gospels, Acts, and Epistles

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

### Overview of reasons we ought to be concerned for biblical mercy/justice?

1. *The consequences of the Fall* - Genesis 3-11
2. *The commands of the Law* - Deuteronomy 10:18-19
3. *The call of the Poets and Prophets* - Micah 6:8
4. *The teaching and example of Jesus* - Matthew 23:23
5. *The teaching and example of the Apostles* - Galatians 6:10
6. *The standard of the final Judgement* - Matthew 25:31-46
7. *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 promotion of various ministries, making opportunities known (Project Connect Nashville, Cottage Cove, Nashville Rescue Mission)
- 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.)

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