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 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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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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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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