

Mustard seed leadership

BUILDING ON BIBLICAL VALUES

1 Corinthians 3:10-13 (NLT)

*10 Because of God's grace to me, I have laid the foundation like an expert builder. Now others are building on it. **But whoever is building on this foundation must be very careful.** 11 For no one can lay any foundation other than the one we already have—Jesus Christ.*

12 Anyone who builds on that foundation may use a variety of materials—gold, silver, jewels, wood, hay, or straw. 13 But on the judgment day, fire will reveal what kind of work each builder has done. The fire will show if a person's work has any value.

BIG IDEA: As co-laborers with Christ, we need to build the church on a revelation of Christ, by the Holy Spirit, in obedience to His Word, with love!

How are we going to use these values?

1. Own them by REVELATION
2. Model them though your EXAMPLE
3. Multiply them by TALKING, TALKING, TALKING

10. Going to the Nations

A. What is this value about?

This value is about the Great Commission Jesus gave to his church. We don't get to choose the mission of the church, Jesus does and Jesus did. He said:

Matthew 28:18-20 (NLT)

18 Jesus came and told his disciples, "I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. 19 Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. 20 Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

This value is all about breaking small thinking and developing a culture of radical, faith stretching, world changing, Jesus dependant mission into the church.

B. Why is this value so important?

Two reasons that this value is so important to a local church. One is that most local churches suffer from the limitations of small vision. Big capacity people are drawn to big vision. If the vision of the church is small, inward, conservative and safe then people will not be inspired to follow.

The reality is that a baby born in a barn in Bethlehem changed the world and that means Jesus can use your local church - no matter how small or insignificant you or your town might be - to make a big difference.

The second reason is the very foundation promise of the Gospel. When God first called Abraham, God gave him a faith conditional promise. Essentially saying that if Abraham will go, then God will bless. I.e. God blesses those who live to be a blessing to the nations.

Genesis 12:1-3 (NLT)

1 The LORD had said to Abram, "Leave your native country, your relatives, and your father's family, and go to the land that I will show you. 2 I will make you into a great nation. I will bless you and make you famous, and you will be a blessing to others. 3 I will bless those who bless you and curse those who treat you with contempt. All the families on earth will be blessed through you."

This was fulfilled in the life of Jesus and is still being fulfilled in local churches around the world who have the faith and courage that Jesus can use us to be a blessing to the nations!

C. Vision

Get this right and the church feels the excitement of being on a big, significant mission. We inherited a little saying that says: "As you go, you grow". When a church is going, a church is growing.

QUESTION: Going to nations could be across the street or across the world. When last did you as a leader go on a mission to be a blessing to the nations?

PRACTICAL:

- Teach people to pray *Psalms 2:8 (NLT)* “Only ask, and I will give you the nations as your inheritance, the whole earth as your possession.”
- Phone someone who goes on trips to different nations and ask if you can join them for their next trip
- Offer a money back guarantee - if you go on a mission trip and don't grow then we give your money back! So far we have never had to refund!