

Why We Do What We Do Week 5
Sunday October 11th, 2020

Core Values:

1. Jesus Christ is the destination of our journey.
2. Scripture is our foundation and road map for our journey
3. All generations contribute to the journey
4. Everyone is welcome on the journey

2 Timothy 3:16-17 (NLT, pg. 1002) All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. God uses it to prepare and equip his people to do every good work.

John 14:6 (NLT, pg. 896) Jesus told him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me.

Everything we know about Jesus is _____ information

Matthew 28:19 - 20 (NLT, pg. 828) Therefore, go and make *disciples* of all the *nations*, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. *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."

Nations – People that may or may not be attending church; living _____ from Jesus Christ

New Disciples – People regularly attending church; have a _____ with Jesus Christ.

Disciples – People working on their faith; have a _____, consistent, and personal relationship with Jesus Christ

Teachers – People living out their faith; are growing and _____ because of Jesus Christ

Mission defined; How do I live out this core value?

Have a _____ faith.

_____ your journey stories.

Help _____ grow.

Matthew 22:37-40 (NLT, pg. 820) Jesus replied, "“You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. A second is equally important: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ The entire law and all the demands of the prophets are based on these two commandments.”

What you _____ people with is what you will keep people with.

Final Thought: At the core of the gospel is God’s heart to save everyone. As followers of Jesus we show this truth to the nations. The more you _____ in your faith, the more your life will show that everyone is welcome.

Why We Do What We Do week 5 Discussion Questions

Read 1 Peter 3:15-16. These verses assume there are non-Christians watching your life and will ask you about your faith. How are we supposed to interact with them when they ask? Do most followers of Jesus respond this way? Why or why not? What are some reasons

non-believers won't ask you about your faith? Read 1 Peter 2:1-3. How do these verses help us to have a journey that others will want to know about?

"It isn't about how knowledgeable you are about the Bible, or if you can win a debate. It is about how God has changed your life for the better; no one can argue with your changed life." Do you agree or disagree with this statement? Read Mark 5:18 – 20. What do these verses show you about the power of a journey story? A common excuse for not filming a journey story is "my story is boring". Why is this not a valid excuse? Will you make a journey video?

Read 2 Corinthians 5:14-21. As a follower of Jesus, do you feel like a "new creation"? Why or why not? Look back through the passage and identify the 5 action steps given to live as a new creation. (compelled by love, no longer live for themselves, view people differently, committed to the message of reconciliation, live as Christ's ambassador)

Ambassadors are guides, not authorities; all they do is show you stuff. Why is this a good role for a follower of Jesus? Explain. "We need to be ready to help others grow through the stages; that can be as simple as letting someone sit in your regular seat in the sanctuary, or having a genuine conversation on a Sunday morning, to entering into an intentional deep relationship with someone as a companion as they grow through these stages" Do you agree or disagree with this statement? What challenge does it bring to your journey?

What are the four core values? How well are we living them out at Oregon Trail? How well are you living them out in your own faith journey? What is one action you will take this week to improve?