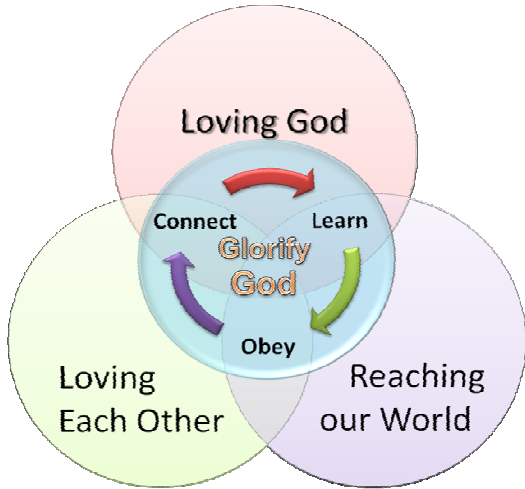


Sticking with the Mission: “Reaching Our World”
John 4:1-42

We’ve begun this year by working through our mission statement. A mission statement gives direction and focuses our future. It provides guidelines for decision making and inspires unity. Our mission statement states that we as a church exist to glorify God by making disciples. That’s pretty amazing. We described a disciple in three ways: Loving God; Loving each other; and Reaching the world. All three summarize what we find in Scripture (Great Commandment—Matthew 22:34-39; Great Commission—Matthew 29:18-20). This morning we’re going to concentrate on “reaching our world.”



1. First things first— _____.
(John 4:1-6)

2. Take _____.
(John 4:7-14)

3. Tell _____.
(John 4:15-26)

4. Live _____.

(John 4:27-38)

Day by Day in the Word

“Day by Day in the Word” is a tool we use to help us in the process of becoming more and more like Jesus and ultimately to bring glory to God. The biblical principle is: The Spirit of God uses the Word of God to bring about Christlikeness.

Monday-Tuesday

- Read John 6:44 (context: vv. 41-48), 65 and 16:8-11. Identify exactly what God is doing in the lives of individuals who don't yet know Him. Be sure to use a Study Bible or Bible Dictionary to define key terms. In this context, what does it mean for someone to “come” to Jesus? Also, identify the work of the Holy Spirit in the world.
- Knowing this, how will it help you to be better prepared for the “divine appointments” that God brings you in contact with? What do you need to do today to be ready for tomorrow's appointments?

Wednesday-Thursday

- Read John 13:34-35 and 17:23. What makes the “love one another” a “new” commandment? What do all men find out and how do they find this out?
- Identify various ways that loving one another can look like. Be very specific and very creative. Think in terms of how you can show compassion and mercy to one another.
- In what ways is it possible for people to see Christians loving one another? If these people were to look at your church life what would they see?
- Develop a plan with a friend or a group to work on loving one another in concrete ways. Take this a step further and ask yourselves in what way could you be “salt and light” to people around you? For example, what kind of a project could you and your group get involved doing that would bring “loving one another” in contact with the world?

Friday-Saturday

- Read John 20:29-31. What is the purpose of the Gospel of John? How would you define “believe”? How would you define “Christ” (=Messiah)? What is it about the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ that is so important? See 1 Corinthians 15:3-5. What does “life in his name” mean?
- If someone were to ask you how you became a Christian, what would you say? Write down your testimony today and share it with another individual. Briefly describe what your life was like as a non-Christian, explain the basics of the gospel, and briefly explain the changes in your life since you've become a Christian.
- Begin praying today for one individual who doesn't yet know Jesus. Gather together with others and begin praying together for God to open doors to share the Good News with those for whom you are praying.