

Series: Five: Timeless Values for Today's Church

Title: Community Engagement

Text: Acts 1:8

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"We desire to show Christ to those around us by serving our community." **Core Value, Tabernacle Baptist Church**

Bible passages that inform this core value include Matthew 5:13-16; 28:18-20; Mark 16:15; John 17:18; Acts 17:6; and 1 Peter 4:8.

Three ideas that emphasize the importance of local churches reaching out to their community...

1. THE WORKS OF GOD

John 5:17

Revelation 13:8

2. THE MISSION OF JESUS

John 6:38

Matthew 26:39

Luke 19:10

Acts 4:12

3. THE CHRISTIAN WITNESS

In studying the New Testament, we find that such engagement involves three important commitments....

A. An "As You Go" Mentality

Matthew 28:18-19

B. Holy Lives

1 Peter 2:12

"The world takes notice of believers who are different." **Roger Campbell**

3. Gospel Proclamation

"...it is one thing to display the gospel through our lives. It is quite another to open our mouths and share." **Robby Gallaty**

1 Corinthians 9:16

Romans 1:16

“I do not believe that a good word for Christ is ever spoken in vain.” **Charles Spurgeon**