



## We Value

### Part 4: Missional Community

Texts: Matthew 28:18-20; 22:37-38  
Supporting: 1 John 1:1; John 1:43-46; Ephesians 4:15; 1  
Corinthians 13:4-6; John 14:6

#### INTRODUCTION: MISSIONAL OR MISGUIDED?

Value 4: Missional Community: We are a community of people on mission to share the love and hope of Jesus to the world.

*“To know Christ and to make Him known”*  
- Bethel Ladysmith Mission Statement

Barriers to sharing our faith:

- Post-Christian thinking
- Pluralistic thinking
- Fear of alienation

Words to live by for missional living...

#### 1. “SEEING IS BELIEVING”

1 John 1:1

We all make decisions based on evidence. We believe in things based on what we have seen, experienced, and been taught. Faith is no different.

*“It is not that the Christian ideal has not been tried and found wanting. It has been found difficult; and left untried.”*  
- G.K. Chesterton

When people see your life, do they believe?

#### 2. “COME AND SEE”

John 1:43-46

*“In other words, before we are asked to preach, proclaim or try and persuade people of the claims of Jesus and his Father, we are asked simply to be witnesses for him—to provide an honest and factual account of what we have seen and heard objectively, and what we ourselves have experienced...and to live lives that support what we say.”*  
- Os Guinness

#### 3. “TRUTH IN LOVE”

Ephesians 4:15

*“There are far too many Christians of whom it has been said that they won the argument but lost the audience. Their logic outran their love.”*  
- Os Guinness

#### CONCLUSION: MISSIONAL STARTS WITH ME

# Discussion Questions

## WARM UP

1. Have you ever shared your faith before? What was it like? What was the result?
2. Do you think Christians should witness? Why or why not?

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2. Read 1 John 1:1-4. What role does evidence and/or experience play in our faith?
3. Read John 1:43-46 & 20:24-29. Compare these two texts. How does God respond to our doubt? How can we invite people to “come and see” what difference Jesus has made in our lives?
4. Read Ephesians 4:15. What are some real life examples of what this looks like?

## APPLICATION

5. How is God calling you to be on mission this week?

## PRAYER

1. Pray and ask for the Holy Spirit to fill you (once again, or for the first time). Pause for a moment & listen. If you feel God leading you to do or say anything, this is a safe space to share with the group.
2. Other requests
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