## **CORE VALUES**

## Why What We Believe Defines Who We Are

## Lost People Matter to God. He Wants Them Found.

Luke 19: 10

Introduction: The core values of the Christian & Missionary Alliance are rooted in the key message of the Bible. We believe them and hold them dear because they are Biblical values and because God has pressed them upon our heart as echoing His Own passion. In this first study of the individual core values we will explore God's passion for lost people, a passion most clearly expressed in Jesus' own mission statement.

#### I. Video Introduction

A. John Soper, recent past vice-president of Church Ministries

Presenting the historic drive of the C&MA to reach people who need Jesus

B. Syna Lao, church planting missionary to Cambodia

Testimony of why she returned to the land of her birth after experiencing freedom and financial blessing in the United States

#### II. Luke 19:1-10—Zaccheus

- A. The Background
- B. Zaccheus: his position
- C. Zaccheus: his status (and his stature)
- D. Zaccheus: an empty life and a longing heart
- E. Zaccheus: his transformation, his repentance, & his future

### III. Lost People Matter to God

- A. The C&MA has historically gone to unreached people groups to carry the message of Jesus Christ to those who have never heard, regardless of the risk.
- B. We believe that our primary mission is to obey the Great Commission, that there is no more important job in this life than to share the love of God and the message of salvation with people who need Jesus Christ.
  - I. There is no cost too great
  - 2. There is no place too near or too far
  - 3. There is no person or group too lost or too insignificant

Conclusion: Do lost people matter to you? When you see the people around you, even the most difficult and despicable, do you see them through the eyes of God? Do you feel how much He loves them and how deeply He longs for them to come home to Him and to live eternally in His presence? Are you, too, devoted to the mission of Christ?

For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost.

Luke 19: 10

# Alliance Bible Church Core Values

- Celebrating the Lordship of Jesus Christ through corporate worship in two languages
- Boldly proclaiming the fullness of His Gospel: Jesus Christ as Savior, Sanctifier, Healer, and Coming King
- Building up one another in love through small group community, prayer, and discipleship
- Serving our community through meaningful acts of loving service
- Obeying the call of the Great Commission through sacrificial support of missions of every kind

#### CORE VALUE I—FINDING THE LOST

- 1. What inspired you most about the stories of Robert Jaffray and Syna Lao? How difficult do you think it would have been for Jaffray to go back to Indonesia?
- 2. How should the idea of living for eternity change the way we set our priorities? How practical is it to actually live that way? What do you think you would need to do first?
- 3. If we are going to share the values and beliefs of Jesus, is it really necessary to believe in a literal hell?
- 4. How does the fact that Jesus is our Judge as well as our Savior change the way you think about things?
- 5. This week memorize the key verse: For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost. Luke 19:10
- 6. Why do lost people matter to God?
- 7. Are there missionaries you know who have stimulated you to help complete the Great Commission? If you have time, briefly tell their story in your small group to encourage one another.

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## The C&MA Vision

The Christian and Missionary Alliance will be a movement of Great Commission Christians who are glorifying God by building Christ's Church worldwide.

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## The C&MA Mission

Our mission is to know Jesus Christ; exalt Him as Savior, Sanctifier, Healer, and Coming King; and complete His Great Commission.

- Evangelizing and discipling persons throughout the United States, and
- Incorporating them into Christ-centered, community-focused congregations,
- Mobilizing them for active involvement in a missionary effort designed to plant Great Commission churches among unreached and responsive peoples worldwide.

THE ALLIANCE Living the Call together.

MATTHEW 28:18-20 THE CALL TO THE PROPERTY OF THE PROPE

**NOTES** 

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