

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.
1. 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.

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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*

