

# CORE VALUES

## Why What We Believe Defines Who We Are

### *God's Word—The Key to All Success*

Joshua 1: 8

**Introduction:** In the consideration of our core values it is inevitable that a high value and respect for God's written Word will be included. We cherish the Word of God as the only rule for our faith and life and consider the entire sacred text from Genesis to Revelation to be without error and infallible as our guide.

#### I. Video Introduction

- A. John Soper telling the story of John Willfonger, missionary to Indonesia
- B. Derwin Gray's testimony of how he came to Christ

#### II. Joshua's Key to Success

- A. The challenge: Leading the Conquest of Canaan
- B. The promise: Joshua 1:8

#### III. The Unique Nature of Scripture (II Timothy 3:15-16)

- A. The difference between the words on the page and the Living Word of God
  - 1. The static words, the inspired record, stand alone without error, transcendent of time and culture, speaking authoritatively the truths of God and human life, and will remain until the end of the age.
  - 2. The dynamic Word is the page of the written Word come to life as the Holy Spirit breathes it freshly into our lives and circumstances. As we seek God in His Word He will meet us and teach us, speaking to the issues and questions of our life.
- B. The Bible is Adequate for Life's Many Issues
  - 1. It is profitable for teaching—it explains many mysteries of life and instructs us concerning our choices.
  - 2. It is profitable for reproof & correction—when we find ourselves in trouble because of poor choices we have made, the teaching of Scripture exposes our sin, reveals our motives, and leads us back to the right path.
  - 3. It is profitable for training in righteousness—the Bible is an infallible moral guide that reveals the character of God and articulates what Holy Spirit-filled living looks like.

#### IV. The Treasure of Scripture (Psalm 19:7-11)

- A. The Bible is worth living for and dying for—many have given their lives to make it available and accessible to every person in every place and language
- B. It should be treasured in our heart (Ps 119:11) by memorization and meditation
- C. It should be a part of our daily nourishment as we eat of it in God's presence (Ps 19:10b)
- D. It should shape our thinking and transform our world view and us (Romans 12:1-2)
- E. It is our source of comfort and encouragement as we learn the promises of God

*“This book of the law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it; for then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have success.”*

Joshua 1: 8 (NASB)

#### 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.*
- *Obedying the call of the Great Commission through sacrificial support of missions of every kind.*

## CORE VALUE III—WE ARE HIS STEWARDS

- 1.) Talk about the decision John Willfinger made when the Japanese army came to Dutch Borneo. Do you think he made the right decision? Why or why not?
- 2.) Share about a time when you had to consciously choose whether or not you were going to obey the Word of God. What happened as a result of your choice?
- 3.) What actions do we need to take to elevate our commitment to knowing God's Word?
- 4.) Share a passage of Scripture that you have memorized and talk about how God has used that Scripture in your life. How important do you think it is to regularly memorize verses from the Bible?
- 5.) **Read Psalm 119: 1-32.** How many words or phrases does the psalmist use to describe the Word of God?
- 6.) Make a list of the different things the Word of God can do for us. Which of those do you need the most now?
- 7.) Verses one and two begin with the word "blessed." What do you think that word really means?
- 8.) Think about verse 11. How does it affect the way that you think about God's law?



### 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.



### 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.

### NOTES

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