

Compare Acts 15:1-2 & 16:1-3.

Why does Paul oppose circumcision and then insist Timothy be circumcised (1 Cor 9:20)

Paul appears to give the success of God's mission precedence over his personal or religious convictions.

How should we be shaped by Mission?

With Halloween being only days away, discuss how you think Paul would respond were he with us.

How should we proceed?

Our final point is:

D. **biasing our resources toward mission, both locally and globally.**

As a church, what would you list as our resources?

How would this point shape our church's decision making process?

Discuss if Paul's approach to mission, as communicated in 1 Corinthians 9:19-23, could be used by our church. What would need to change?

In summary, our mission of proclaiming the gospel of Christ, along with loving God and loving others is best thought of as our purposes. Mission become a value when we are committed to allowing it to shape our faith and practice. This value gives us an outward focus of wanting to serve others through sharing Jesus and making disciples.



CORE 5

Declarations of What We Value
Most and the Reflection of How We
Serve Jesus

Growth Group Study Guide

Week 2

16 October 2022

Series Overview:

We are currently on a **Vision Journey**, seeking where God will take us into the future. We are discovering **Purpose, Values, and Vision** for Lismore Baptist Church.

In order to encourage us in this process, we are spending the next few weeks in our sermons to reflect on the Values of our Baptist Movement, called the '**Core 5**'. Each week we will look at one of these values, and consider what that means for us as a Faith Community in Lismore. May this be an opportunity to uncover what we value as we serve and worship together.

Core 5 Study Guide – Week 2

Core Value Two: MISSION SHAPED

What does 'Mission' mean to you?

Mission was defined as “the undertaking of a specific task/s given by the sender”

Identify the sender and the task in the following passages

- Luke 4:18-21
- Luke 4:40-43
- Matt 28:16-20
- Acts 1:8

This gives the foundation for the first point of being 'Mission Shaped':

- A. committed to the announcement and demonstration of the universal reign of God through Christ (URoGtC)

How can we demonstrate the URoGtC corporately, and individually?

How can we announce the URoGtC corporately, and individually?

What challenges does our church face were it to commit to this principle?

How are we active in Mission?

Not everyone is gifted at public speaking, yet there is opportunity to use the gifts you have been given in mission. In Luke 8 we see some serve as supporters, another is pushed to speak, while another is forbidden to speak and another is limited to mission in his home town.

Match up these descriptions with the following verses from Luke:

- 8:2-3
- 8:38-39
- 8:45-47
- 8:55-56

The second point states what is essential for mission

- B. motivated by love for God and others

It should be no surprise that the Greatest Commandment (Matt 22:36-40) goes hand in hand with the Great Commission (Matt 28:16-20)

What would mission look like without:

- *loving others?*
- *loving God?*

(You could also ask, what loving God would look like without mission, and so on)

Mission flows naturally out of our love of God and love of others.

Read 1 Corinthians 9:19-23

The third point for 'Mission Shaped' is:

- C. seeing people, communities and societies transformed

Paul shares this desire as demonstrated in his language “to win” and “save some”. Missionary endeavours of previous centuries often imposed the adoption of western culture as part of the Christian conversion package.

How does Paul's approach differ?

Compare Acts 17:16 & 22.

Why is Paul distressed (Exodus 20:3-6)?

Why is his distress absent from his address (1 Cor 9:21)