

Values Matter Discovery Starters

We Are Visionary

2. MAKE GOD KNOWN

YWAM is called to make God known throughout the whole world, and into every arena of society through evangelism, training and mercy ministries. We believe that salvation of souls should result in transformation of societies thus obeying Jesus' command to make disciples of all nations.

[1Ch 16:24-27](#); [Psa 68:11](#); [Psa 71:15-16](#); [Psa 145:4-7](#); [Mat 28:18-20](#);
[Mar 16:15](#); [Act 1:8](#); [Act 13:1-4a](#); [Rom 10:8-15](#); [Rom 15:18-21](#)

Value #2 – Make God Known: Tell Everyone

Biblical Foundation:

*"Publish his glorious deeds among the nations.
Tell everyone about the amazing things he does.
Great is the LORD! He is most worthy of praise!
He is to be feared above all gods.
The gods of other nations are mere idols,
but the LORD made the heavens!
Honor and majesty surround him;
strength and joy fill his dwelling"* (1Ch 16:24-27).

Discovery Starter:

Tell everyone! God does not want anyone to be left out. He tells Abraham that he wants to bless every family across the face of the earth (Gen 12:1-3). David confirms that it is God's intent that "the whole earth will acknowledge the LORD and return to him. All the families of the nations will bow down before him" (Psa 22:27). God wants "to save all the oppressed of the earth" (Psa 76:9). Indeed, God "desires all persons to be saved and come to a knowledge of the truth" (1Ti 2:3-4). He does not want "anyone to perish, but all to come to repentance" (2Pe 3:9). Everyone. All. Every. This has always been God's desire.

So how is God's forever dream to be accomplished? Through us. As Abraham was blessed to be a blessing, so also it is to be with us. Jesus says, "Give as freely as you have received!" (Mat 10:8). So all of us who have come to know God by his gracious acts in our lives are called to make God known. All of us. Not just some of us. To

everyone. We must tell of God's redemptive deeds to everyone who has not yet experienced the amazing love and transforming grace of God.

Remember, we are exhorted to "tell everyone about the amazing things he does." The focus is to be on God's actions. His deeds are to be the centerpiece of our proclamation. It is for this reason that the psalmist tells us, "How amazing are the deeds of the LORD! All who delight in him should ponder them. Everything he does reveals his glory and majesty" (Psa 111:2-3). We are to share what he has done with everyone. Why? So they too can come to know this awesome God. For, "how can they believe in him if they have never heard about him? And how can they hear about him unless someone tells them?" (Rom 10:14). Because God has redeemed you, you are to "... show others the goodness of God, for he called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light" (1Pe 2:9b).

Keep Going:

Keep growing in your intimacy with God by intentional meditation in the Word of God. The Bible is a treasure trove of revelation, telling us what God has done so that we can tell everyone. In the Bible there are over 1200 distinct verbs which describe God's amazing actions, his wonderful works. Some are just used once or twice, some many hundreds of times. Pick one of the following Psalms: 4, 18, 25, 68, 103, 118, 139, 145. As you read it, highlight every verb or phrase which describes an action of God. Ponder on these passages and worship God for his wonderful works in the Scriptures and in your life. Then commit yourself to tell someone this week about what God has done. Are there more people you could tell about God's awesome deeds?

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