



BIBLICAL VALUES

We're considering the values that will define a church plant, and the first set of values we're going to build are some biblical values. We are answering the question: what does the Bible tell us that God is looking for in His people and His Church?

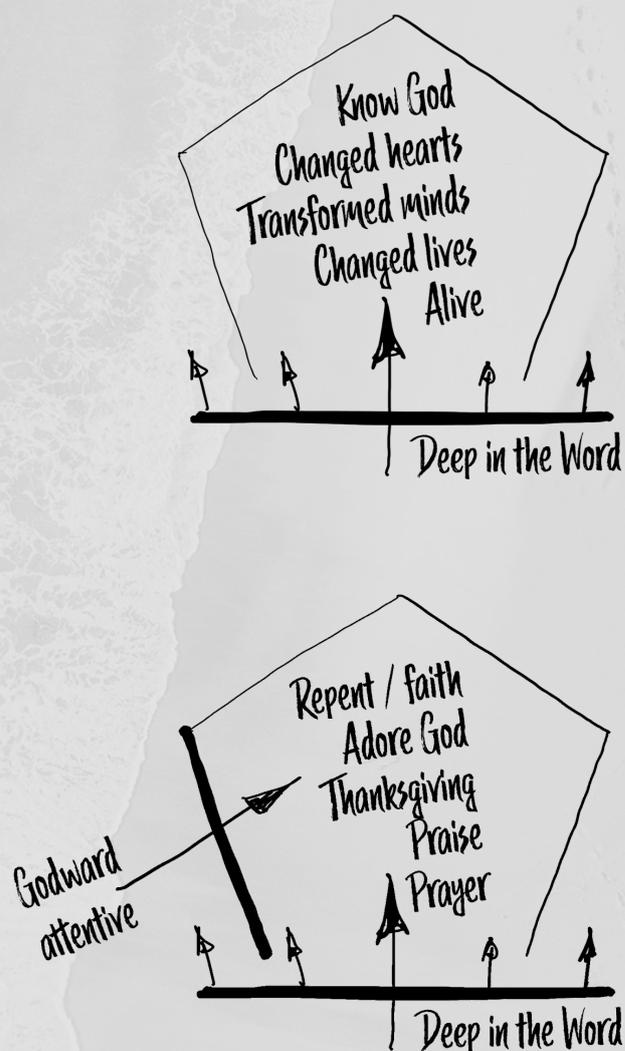
What we're trying to capture and express here is what the Bible is calling us to lead our churches, and those God has given us to shepherd, towards. Who is God shaping us to be, both individually and corporately? Another way of asking this question would be "what do we want our people to become?" Alternatively, we could ask "what does the fully formed, mature, disciple look like?" Articulating the answer to this question will help shape what we do, and how we do it, within a biblical framework, as we pursue the biblical vision we've identified.

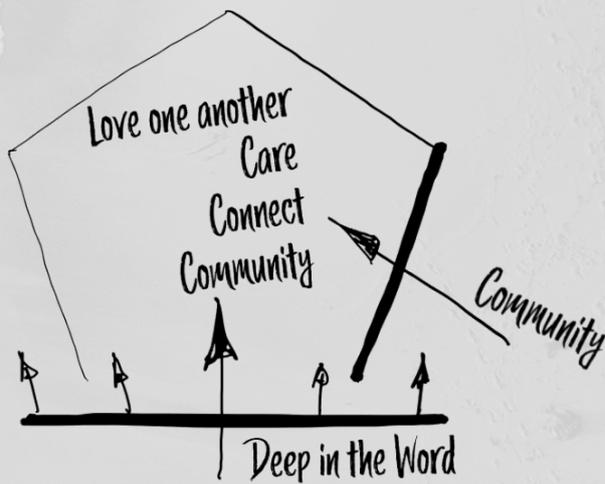
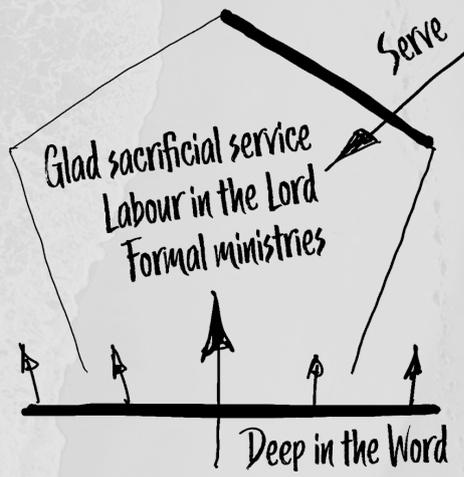
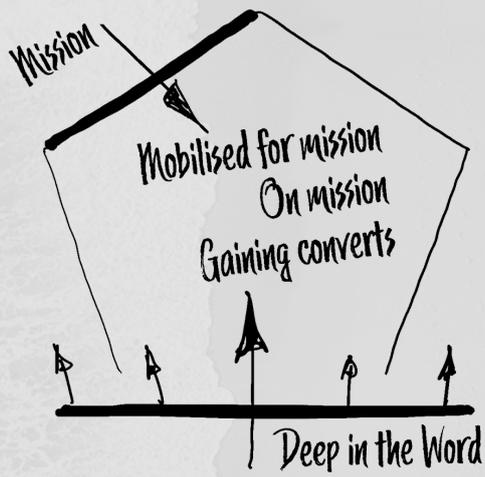
The bible talks about these things in two senses; as a framework and a goal. That is, they provide a framework that describes the characteristics a disciple of Jesus is looking to grow in their own lives, through the work of God's Spirit. In addition to a framework it's also the goal. There's an acknowledgement that this won't and can't be achieved in this lifetime, but will ultimately be brought to fulfilment by God in the new creation. It seems like values are both these things; a framework and a goal.

It's the now and the not yet. In one sense, this is an incredibly simple process, because we're just looking to see people come to know Jesus and grow to be like him. But the Bible is rich in its description of what this person looks like, and so the complexity comes in trying to capture the main biblical themes in such a way that they're both clear enough to understand, while not so overwhelming in number or obscurity that they're not useful in day-to-day church life.

Reach Australia has a set of biblical values - our outcomes - that they've identified. We've tried to capture the framework for understanding a fully-formed disciple in the context of a church. In this understanding, the fully made disciple is **deep in the word, Godwardly attentive, on mission, serving** and all of this has a **corporate** dimension.

Once articulated, these begin to inform the biblical values (both the framework and goal) that we'll structure our churches around. They shape and inform us how and what we do, as well as beginning to give some tangible outcomes as we track to see how we're going.





So, at this point, your goal is to decide on what the biblical values in your church are. It may be that you land in a similar place to Reach Australia, but it may be that you land elsewhere. Wherever it is, the questions you want to keep asking are: "is this how the bible describes a fully-formed disciple of Jesus?" and "is this what God is calling me to nurture in His disciples?"



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You should get assessed between 12-24 months from your anticipated launch date. We encourage all our planters to spend the time preparing well before starting a new church. A long lead time gives you the option to work on areas of growth, build a launch team and begin praying for and evangelising your community.

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