

Team Member Session #1

Mission, Vision and Shaping Values

Competency – To understand and embrace the Mission, Vision, Shaping Values, and Culture of Hospitality of Calvary Bible Church (CBC).

Assignments

1. Read the Scripture passages and underline important ideas.
2. Answer the Scripture reflection questions.
3. Watch the clip from the sermon: "The Moment We're In" from Feb. 27/28, 2021 and answer the reflection questions.
4. Review the Shaping Values of CBC and answer the reflection questions.
1. Read "Building a Culture of Hospitality at Calvary and in the Community" and answer reflection questions.

MISSION AND VISION

Read the following scriptures and underline important ideas.

Deuteronomy 6:1-5

¹ "Now this is the commandment—the statutes and the rules—that the LORD your God commanded me to teach you, that you may do them in the land to which you are going over, to possess it, ² that you may fear the LORD your God, you and your son and your son's son, by keeping all his statutes and his commandments, which I command you, all the days of your life, and that your days may be long. ³ Hear therefore, O Israel, and be careful to do them, that it may go well with you, and that you may multiply greatly, as the Lord, the God of your fathers, has promised you, in a land flowing with milk and honey.

⁴ "Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. ⁵ You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.

Leviticus 19:18

¹⁸ You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against the sons of your own people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord.

Matthew 22:34-40

³⁴ But when the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together. ³⁵ And one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. ³⁶ "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?" ³⁷ And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. ³⁸ This is the great and first commandment. ³⁹ And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. ⁴⁰ On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets."

Reflection Questions

In Matthew 22, some Jewish religious leaders are coming to Jesus to test Him. Jesus responds to this test by quoting from two places in the Law, which is found in the Old Testament, the Holy Scriptures of the Jews. To better understand what Jesus means, take a minute to reflect on Deuteronomy 6 and Leviticus 19.

- From Deut. 6:3-9, what does it mean to love God with all your heart, soul and might?
- From Lev. 19:18, what does it look like to love our neighbor as yourself?
- When thinking about how to live out Jesus' commands it is helpful to remember the truth communicated in 1 John 4:19 – "we love because he first loved us." Take a minute to reflect on all you have read and learned. How is God prompting you love in the coming days and weeks?

Watch: a portion of the sermon "The Moment We're In" from February 27-28. Follow the link and watch through the end of the sermon

<https://youtu.be/zuBi1yZ0UoY?t=1397>

- What are 1-2 ideas that stood out to you from the end of Tom's sermon?
- Write out the Mission and Vision of CBC:
- What are some potential benefits of having a clearly defined Mission and Vision?
- Is there an aspect of the Mission or Vision that inspires you?

SHAPING VALUES

These values are the guideposts along the way as we at Calvary Bible Church carry out the ministry of joining Christ in the building of His Church. They are the principles we stand for and the characteristics that define us. We refer to these as shaping values, or marks of a disciple of Jesus.

BIBLICAL AUTHORITY: we submit our lives to the teaching of God's Word

All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness. 2 Timothy 3:16

PRAYER IN FAITH: we believe that God accomplishes his will through our prayers

For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Hebrews 4:15,16

LOVING RELATIONSHIPS: we commit ourselves to pursue authentic community

Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. Colossians 3:12-14

MORAL EXCELLENCE: we pursue deeper holiness in everyday living

Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation. 1 Peter 2:12

CONFIDENT WITNESS: we communicate in word and deed that salvation is found in Christ alone

And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved. Acts 4:12

FAITHFUL STEWARDSHIP: we give generously and faithfully of our financial resources

The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 2 Corinthians 9:6-7

Reflection Questions

- Paraphrase each of the Shaping Values in your own words:

Biblical Authority:

Prayer in Faith:

Loving Relationships:

Moral Excellence:

Confident Witness:

Faithful Stewardship:

CALVARY'S CULTURE OF HOSPITALITY

Read the following scriptures and underline important ideas.

John 13:3-17

3 Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going back to God, 4 rose from supper. He laid aside his outer garments, and taking a towel, tied it around his waist. 5 Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was wrapped around him. 6 He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, do you wash

my feet?" 7 Jesus answered him, "What I am doing you do not understand now, but afterward you will understand." 8 Peter said to him, "You shall never wash my feet." Jesus answered him, "If I do not wash you, you have no share with me." 9 Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" 10 Jesus said to him, "The one who has bathed does not need to wash, except for his feet, but is completely clean. And you are clean, but not every one of you." 11 For he knew who was to betray him; that was why he said, "Not all of you are clean." 12 When he had washed their feet and put on his outer garments and resumed his place, he said to them, "Do you understand what I have done to you? 13 You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am. 14 If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. 15 For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you. 16 Truly, truly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. 17 If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them.

In John 13, Jesus has come to the Passover Feast with his disciples and he begins to wash their feet.

- Who was the typical person who would wash the feet of guests entering a house?
- With the knowledge and conviction that He is the creator of the universe and the promised messiah, Jesus rises to wash His disciples' feet. In verses 12-17 Jesus explains why He washed His disciples' feet. What is He trying to teach his disciples to know and do?

Read:

Building a Culture of Hospitality at Calvary and Becoming a Person of Hospitality in our Community

When you walk into a new place, whether it's a restaurant, school, gym, job, or anywhere else, what do you feel? Think back to a time when you were new somewhere. What was it that made you feel at home, eased your anxiety, or maybe even made you feel like you belonged there? For many of us, it was a person greeting us with a smile, asking our names, and helping us navigate where we are going. It was a teacher helping you find your desk, a co-worker helping you find the break room, or someone sitting with you during lunch. These intentional acts of acknowledging you, greeting you, and welcoming you helped make you feel at home.

At Calvary, our desire is for every person to experience a culture of hospitality in our church and larger community. What do we mean by a culture of hospitality? Culture is a word for the 'way of life' of groups of people. Every group and gathering of people has

a culture. The interesting thing about culture is that humans are simultaneously shaped by and are also shaping their culture. We are influenced by the culture we exist in and, at the same time, are influencing what that culture looks like to others. Hospitality can be defined as the quality or disposition of receiving and treating guests and strangers in a warm, friendly, generous way. In the New Testament, the Greek word translated "hospitality" literally means "love of strangers." At Calvary we believe as Christians and members of one body we are all ministers and responsible for building this culture.

How does a community of people become known for being warm, friendly, and generous? Through simple, consistently repeated behaviors.

So, what are the core behaviors Calvary is committed to that will cultivate a culture of hospitality?

Calvary's Core Behaviors of Hospitality

1. We say "hi."
2. We smile at everyone who comes within ten feet of us, and say hi to anyone within five feet of us.
3. We make space for welcoming and caring for others.
4. We ask questions after saying hi.
5. We pray on the spot for needs that come up.

Reflection Questions

- How might Calvary's Core Behaviors of Hospitality list relate to the practice of feet washing from John 13?
- In what ways does practicing hospitality reflect the Mission, Vision, and Values of CBC?
- Which core behavior of hospitality comes naturally to you? Why?
- Which core behavior of hospitality is a struggle for you? What steps can you take to improve in this area?