



Core Values

We Value Relevance

Changing methods... unchanging message

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¹⁸ Jesus came and told his disciples, "I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. ¹⁹ Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. ²⁰ Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

Matthew 28:18-20 NLT

I am sending you out as sheep among wolves. So be as shrewd as snakes and harmless as doves. **Matt. 10:16** NLT

1. Culture matters - all messages are given and received within a specific culture

2. Base the method on the receiver

²⁰ When I was with the Jews, I lived like a Jew to bring the Jews to Christ. When I was with those who follow the Jewish law, I too lived under that law. Even though I am not subject to the law, I did this so I could bring to Christ those who are under the law. ²¹ When I am with the Gentiles who do not follow the Jewish law, too live apart from that law so I can bring them to Christ. But I do not ignore the law of God; I obey the law of Christ. ²² When I am with those who are weak, I share their weakness, for I want to bring the weak to Christ. Yes, I try to find common ground with everyone, doing everything I can to save some. ²³ I do everything to spread the Good News and share in its blessings.

1 Corinthians 9:20-23

3. The message is unchanging

⁶ I am shocked that you are turning away so soon from God, who called you to himself through the loving mercy of Christ. You are following a different way that pretends to be the Good News ⁷ but is not the Good News at all. You are being fooled by those who deliberately twist the truth concerning Christ. ⁸ Let God's curse fall on anyone, including us or even an angel from heaven, who preaches a different kind of Good News than the one we preached to you. ⁹ I say again what we have said before: If anyone preaches any other Good News than the one you welcomed, let that person be cursed.

Galatians 1:6-9 NLT

Next Steps:

- I will re-read today's Bible verses this week
- I accept the mission that Jesus gave me [Matt 28]
- I want to help _____ discover and know God, so I will learn to be relevant to their situation
- I will learn to share the message of Jesus in ways that are relevant to our culture
- I will invite _____ to Stepping Stones this week
- _____