

## **A CHRISTIANS CORE VALUES #8 OTHERS FIRST**

We have examined the following core values of a Christian:

1. A life submitted to the Word of God
2. To maintain my integrity
3. The importance of family
4. Have intimacy with God
5. Deal with offenses (my offenses to others and them to me)
6. To keep the money right
7. To be a soul winner

Today the last one is OTHERS FIRST.

John 6<sup>2</sup> and a great crowd of people followed him because they saw the miraculous signs he had performed on the sick.<sup>5</sup> When Jesus looked up and saw a great crowd coming toward him, he said to Philip, “Where shall we buy bread for these people to eat?” NIV

This is the story of the feeding of at least 5,000 men, not counting women and children. In this story we may glean something about the priority that Jesus lived by....others first. The crowds need is met first then the disciples.

I. We meet others needs **PHYSICALLY-**  
Jesus saw their hunger v5

A. We meet others needs physically because **we do it as unto Jesus.**

Matt. 25<sup>34</sup> “Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world.’<sup>35</sup> For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited

me in, <sup>36</sup> I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.’

<sup>37</sup> “Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? <sup>38</sup> When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? <sup>39</sup> When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?’

<sup>40</sup> “The King will reply, ‘I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.’

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B. We meet others needs because **our faith is demonstrated by our works.**

**James 2** <sup>14</sup> What good is it, my brothers, if a man claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save him? <sup>15</sup> Suppose a brother or sister is without clothes and daily food. <sup>16</sup> If one of you says to him, “Go, I wish you well; keep warm and well fed,” but does nothing about his physical needs, what good is it? NIV

II. We meet the needs of others **EMOTIONALLY**

A. Through **relationship**

By making them feel important- “there you are”

B. Through **communication**

By listening- “tell me more”

C. By helping them to establish **a sense of worth.**

1. God places **value** on you

John 3 16

2. Jesus sees the **potential** in you.

He could see what was in each disciple that would reach the then known world.

D. By treating them with **respect.**

"If you see the donkey of someone who hates you fallen down under its load, do not leave it there; be sure you help him with it." (Ex. 23:5).

"Do to others as you would have them do to you." (Luke 6:31).

Matt. 22<sup>39</sup> And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'

"Make sure that nobody pays back wrong for wrong, but always try to be kind to each other and to everyone else." (I Thess. 5:15).

"Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse." (Romans 12:14).

"Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult, but with blessing, because to this you were called so that you may inherit a blessing." (I Peter 3:9).

"A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger." (Proverbs 15:1).

### III. We meet the needs of others **SPIRITUALLY**

Jesus taught them thus ministering to their spiritual need first.

A. Bringing them to **salvation**

They are lost

B. Helping them to receive the power of the **Holy Spirit**.

They are weak.

C. Making **disciples** out of believers- teaching the Word

They need guidance

D. Systematic **worship** with the body of Christ.

They need to honor God.

E. By having **fellowship** with other believers.

They need acceptance.

## E. Equipping and releasing them to service

John 13 <sup>14</sup> Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. <sup>15</sup> I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you.

"...if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give me