

How to Serve The Nations

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Core Practice # 4 – Adopt a World Need...

If we are not careful, we can become preoccupied with things that only concern us in the here and now, things we can readily see and touch. An apprentice of Jesus cannot afford to live with an out-of-sight, out-of-mind perspective.

The Christian Vocation is to be in prayer, in the Spirit, at the place where the world is in pain, and as we embrace that vocation, we discover it to be the way of following Christ, shaped according to his messianic vocation to the cross, with arms outstretched, holding on simultaneously to the pain of the world and the love of God. ~ N.T. Wright

We use the phrase “adopt a world need” because it implies **relationship and ownership**, rooted in the understanding **that the world and all of its people are ours to serve – both practically and spiritually.**

Matthew 6:10 NIV

Your Kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Ephesians 2:10 NIV

For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

And so in Christian work the Lord gives “to every man his work” and each of us has some divine calling if we have but the discernment of the Spirit to recognize it and the faithfulness to fulfill it. ~ A.B. Simpson

For each individual there is a specific call—a defining purpose or mission, a reason for being. Every individual is called of God to respond through service in the world. ~ Gordon Smith

Three levels of Call

- The _____: the invitation to follow Jesus, to be Christian.
- The _____: a vocation that is unique to a person; that individual's mission in the world.
- The _____: those tasks or duties God calls us to today.

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*What does it look like for you to adopt a world need?
It is up to you, according to the unique way that you are wired.*

Five Foundations of Vocation

- Pain of the world
- Knowing yourself
- Truth of the word
- Jesus and the Gospel
- A vision of a different Future

Five Cheerleaders in the Church

- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

Ephesians 4:11-13 NIV

So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

Three phases of call...

- Age 16 - 29 _____
- Age 30 - 65 _____
- Age 65+ _____

What does it mean to _____ your day to day decisions with the world need that Jesus invites you into?

YOUR...

- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

Ephesians 4:14-16 NIV

*Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming. Instead, **speaking the truth in love**, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ. From him the whole body, **joined and held together** by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, **as each part does its work**.*