

February Development Guide

SUBJECT: VALUE AND WORTH



God's character is a loving Father. In fact, He is love! He wants a deep relationship with you, and His love is unconditional for you. Your value and worth are found from the love your heavenly Father has for you and the price that was paid for you with His Son. When you understand His love and your value, you are truly free from trying to earn it and you are then empowered to be in full relationship and walk in His ways.

The definition of "Value": It's a person's judgment of what's important in life and the principles of standards of behaviors, that direct their choices and decision-making processes.

It also means to: consider (someone or something) to be important or beneficial; have a high opinion of.

The definition of "Worth": is to be equivalent in value to the sum of an item specified. The value equivalent to that of someone or something under consideration; the level at which someone or something deserves to be valued or rated.

These two words have a similar meaning in describing something that is desirable, good, appreciated, esteemed, worthy, excellent, quality, great, and important!

This is who God says you are.

This is the core of our church value, "Start with People." God loves ALL people. Jesus died for ALL people. People are the "why," so "what" we do is defined and empowered by people first.

1. What do you believe your value and worth are?
 - a. I've found recent studies that show the value of an individual's life that the government uses is between three and ten million dollars per person.
 - b. What do you think about those numbers? Are they low, high, or just right?

If we look back to our definitions of value and worth, it tells us our value comes from a person's judgment and is to be equivalent in value of something specified.

So, if our value and worth come from someone's judgment, then we should look for the value coming from the most important someone there is: God.

2. Who created you?
 - a. **Genesis 1:27 (NLT)** – *So God created human beings in his own image. In the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.*
 - b. God created you in His image.
 - c. **Genesis 1:31 (NLT)** – *Then God looked over all he had made, and he saw that it was very good! And evening passed and morning came, marking the sixth day.*
 - d. You are God's creation, and He says you are VERY GOOD!

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3. What does God say your value and worth are then?

- a. **1 Peter 2:9 (NLT)** – *But you are not like that, for you are a chosen people. You are royal priests, a holy nation, God's very own possession. As a result, you can show others the goodness of God, for he called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.*
- b. **Ephesians 2:10 (NLT)** – *For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.*
- c. **Romans 5:8 (NLT)** – *But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners.*

God loves you so much! He's chosen you and made you His masterpiece. You have so much value and worth to God that He sent Jesus to die for you.

God says your value to Him is equal to His Son! Jesus, the Son of God, the King of Kings, and Lord of Lords paid our sin debt and died for us.

Earthly statistics claim the value of life is between three and ten million dollars. But God says you have infinite value; value equivalent to the price of His Son!

You may not feel that valuable, but that is the truth of God's Word to you. We're not moved by our feelings, we're moved by our faith.

Because of God's great value and worth of you and ALL people, we "Start with People" because God loves ALL people and Jesus died for ALL people. People are the "why," so "what" we do is defined and empowered by people first.

Discussion Questions:

1. What were your biggest takeaways from this teaching?
2. What does God say your value and worth are?
3. How can you apply this to your life and others today?

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