# February Development Guide SUBJECT: VALUE AND WORTH



# Core 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.

The Kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again and then, in his joy, went and sold all he had and bought that field. - Matthew 13: 44 (NIV)

- The Treasure = You and Me
- The Man = Jesus
- The Field = the World

Jesus found you in the world, and instead of just buying you, He bought the whole world by giving up all he had and dying on the cross because you are so worth being saved.

So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. - Isaiah 41:10 (NIV)

#### Uphold in Hebrew means to grasp/ take hold of/ obtain/ acquire. Are you projecting security or are you possessing security?

Consider the ravens: They do not sow or reap, they have no storeroom or barn; yet God feeds them. And how much more valuable you are than birds!- Luke 12:24 (NIV)

#### Isn't your life more precious to God than a bird?

When you know God and what Jesus did for you on the cross to pay for your sin, you will learn the value and worth that He places on your life. Then you can stop projecting security through pride and insecurity but possess security with the presence of God on the inside of you.

## **Reflection Questions:**

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