



Overview

Worship through the Word, **Authentic Community**, **Reliant Strength**, and **Radical Stewardship** are the first four “core values” that describe *Warren ... a Way of Life*. The final two values that remind us of who we are and what we do are: **Effective Engagement** and **Neighbors and the Nations**. These last two descriptors really become the springboards to effectively help us “dive in” and get to the heart of ministering. These values spur us toward intentionality and help us define what we will do and what we will not do: *Will we choose to be engaged in ministry or disengaged? Will we choose to share the Gospel or not? Will we choose to use our gifts, or will we waste them? Will we choose to be a positive impact for the Kingdom, or will we shrink back or become a hindrance? Will we choose to “talk the talk” of Christianity, or will we truly and decidedly choose to “Be the Church ... Everyone. Everywhere. Everyday.”?*

Going Deeper

Begin your group with prayer, asking the Holy Spirit to enlighten, encourage, and inspire the hearts of each person to commit to *Be the Church ... Everyone. Everywhere. Everyday*.

Making It Stick

Read Acts 2:41-47 focusing in on verses 46-47.

Effective Engagement

When we speak of “Effective Engagement,” we are essentially speaking of **Ministry**. What is ministry?

Is ministry something that only “professional staff members” engage in, or is ministry for all believers? (See 2 Corinthians 3:4-6)

At the heart of everything we “do,” two things should motivate us. **Read Matthew 22:37-39** and discuss what our focus in ministry should be.

How has God equipped you for effective ministry (service)?

- Spiritual Gifts (Romans 12:3-8, Ephesians 4:11-13, and 1 Corinthians 12:1-11)
- Gravity (Certain things you’re drawn to – interests, passions, burdens, etc.)
- Gears (We’re all different: talkers, doers, feelers, thinkers.) What are you?

As you consider your gifts, gravity, and gears, you will understand how you can effectively engage in service and ministry to the glory of God. What will you do today to effectively engage at Warren, in your community, at home, or in the workplace?

Neighbors and the Nations

Who are our *neighbors*? (See Luke 10:25-29)

How can you live a life of personal evangelism every day? What does that look like? Why is it important?

What does it mean to “witness”?

How can you evangelize effectively in your day-to-day life? (Acts 5:42, 1 Corinthians 15:1-5, Acts 1:8a, Acts 20:20-21)

Consider the following statement:

Witnessing is not an occasional thing, but a daily concern in the heart of every believer.

How would you respond? Is that statement true of you? Why or why not?

In Matthew 28:19-20 what does Jesus tell His disciples to do and what does He promise He will do?

How does Acts 1:8b show the progression of our ministry and mission to neighbors and nations?

What are you currently doing to effectively engage and daily evangelize in your home, church, neighborhood, workplace, community, and the world? Are you sensing the need for change in any of these areas? Will you pray and ask God to help you clarify and commit to what He is calling you?

Living It Out

Who will you impact for Christ this week?

Pray and ask God to:

- 1 – Define your ministry role within the church if you aren't effectively engaged
- 2 – Show you who you need to share your story with and impact with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Below is a tool that will help you **STEP** into each day with the resolve to witness in some way every day:

Start with God

- God is our ultimate reality
- God created us to know Him
- God loves us and care about us

Talk about us

- We are wanderers
- We are lost but don't know it
- We all fall short
- We are sinners by nature and by choice

Emphasize Jesus

- Jesus is our only hope
- Jesus came to pay the debt of sin
- Jesus came to restore things that are broken
- Jesus does what we cannot – He is the Savior!

Pray and speak

- Trust God's Spirit when you speak
- Trust God's Word when you witness
- Trust God's promise to all who believe