

# WE VALUE \_\_\_\_\_.

## PART 3: STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS

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### Sermon Notes

**Text: Romans 10:9-15, Philippians 1:3-6**

#### Introduction:

Every person lives by a set of values...those values guide your behaviour.

We Value **Strategic Partnerships**

Jesus gave us a group project:

- Mark 16:15 “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation.”
- Matthew 28:19 “go and make disciples of all nations...”

"We must be global Christians with a global vision because our God is a global God." ~John Stott

Romans 10:15 “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved...And how can anyone preach unless they are **sent**?”

**BIG IDEA:** *We build strategic partnerships locally and globally in order to strengthen our ministry and fulfill the Great Commission.*

#### 1. We are a part of something bigger than ourselves

Philippians 1:3-6 “I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel...”

Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada (PAOC). 1100 church who choose to align in order to achieve a common purpose.

"It's amazing what can be accomplished if you don't worry about who gets the credit." ~Clarence W. Jones

#### 2. We are united for a common purpose

v. 5 “Partnership” = Koinonia (Fellowship, association, joint participation, bonded for a united purpose)

Acts 2:42 “They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to fellowship [**Koinonia**], to the breaking of bread and to prayer.”

Bethel Church’s Purpose statement: *“We exist to worship God, grow in faith and show the world who Jesus is.”*

#### 3. Partnership is a reflection of God’s work in us

Philippians 1:6 “he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.”

Philippians 2:12-13 “continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose.”

God always works in partnership with his people.

#### Conclusion:

## Life Group Discussion

1. Warm up: Have you ever been involved in team sports? What can teams do that individuals can't? What are the biggest challenges to working with a team? What should teamwork look like in a church/ministry setting?
2. Read Romans 10:9-15. What are your thoughts on this passage?
  - When it comes to missions & evangelism everyone tends to be a “goer” or a “sender” (often we are a mix of both). What are you? Explain your answer.
  - How do we “send” people to preach the gospel? What does preaching the gospel look like for those who aren't “preachers”?
3. Bethel Church is a part of the Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada (PAOC), which includes about 1100 churches across Canada. Do you ever think about what it means to be a part of something like this? Do it shift your perspective on church at all? What value do you think being a part of the PAOC adds to Bethel?
4. In Philippians 1:5 Paul says he is thankful for the Philippian church's “partnership in the gospel.” The word “partnership” is the english translation of the Greek word “Koinonia.” Koinonia means fellowship, association, joint participation, or bonded for a united purpose. In which ways do you think churches do a good job at koinonia, and in which ways do you think churches need to improve?
5. God always works in partnership with his people (see Philippians 1:6, 2:12-13). How do we partner with God? What's his role? What's our responsibility?
6. Pray together:
  - a) Pray for our Missions Partners
  - b) Pray for unity & partnership among the Churches of Penticton
  - c) Other requests:
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