

ECB is a Biblical community of the nations to the nations with prayer as our foundation. We are called to exalt the Lord Jesus Christ, serve each other and reach the world.

The Heart of Mission includes:

Welcome – Worship – Word – Works

Spiritual blindness...

Isaiah 56:10; Jeremiah 5:21; Acts 26:18

Work with the _____ (v 1-2)

1. Look for the “blind man” – Be _____
2. Take time with the “blind man” - Be _____
3. Care for the “blind man” - Be _____

Work toward what _____ wants to do (v 3)

1. God wants to _____ Satan’s lies
2. God wants to _____ His work
 - _____ change (*Who I am*)
 - _____ change (*What I’m doing and who I’m doing it for*)

Work from the personal _____ (v 6-7)

1. _____ with the person’s need
2. _____ what you’ve got
 - Make it _____
 - Make it “_____”
3. Provide a chance to _____
 - Ask for a faith response
 - Push past the “be a _____ person” barrier
 - Allow for _____ and _____

Work with a sense of _____ (v 4-5)

1. Relationship trumps _____

2. Relationship trumps _____

Discussion questions:

1. How many people will I pass by this week who've been "blind from birth"? What is Jesus asking me to do about it?
2. Read Isaiah 43:8 and Mark 7:31-35 – What does this mean about Jesus? What does it mean for me?
3. Am I too busy for people? What in my schedule needs to change to make room for "mission work"?
4. How does prayer prepare me for this work? How can I make my prayer life reflect this?
5. Who are the "blind people" in your life these days? Write down their names and begin praying specifically and regularly for them.

For continued study:

- Just Walk Across the Room: Simple Steps Pointing People to Faith - Bill Hybels (2006, Zondervan)
- Let the Nations be Glad! The Supremacy of God in Missions – John Piper (1993, Baker Academic)
- The Hole in Our Gospel: What does God Expect of Us? – Richard Stearns (2009, World Vision, Inc)