

**CORE VALUES ~ Week 6 ~ Relevant Arenas**

A ministry arena is relevant if it speaks to the needs, culture, ideas, and language of its target audience.

~ SIX BROAD CATEGORIES OF NEEDS ~

- 1) Belonging
- 2) Love
- 3) Identity
- 4) Victorious Living
- 5) Freedom
- 6) Authenticity

~ THREE THINGS THAT MUST NOT CHANGE IN THE CHURCH ~

1) JESUS

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. ~ Hebrews 13:8

2) THE BIBLE

*The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of our God stands forever.
~ Isaiah 40:8*

3) THE CHURCH

From one man [Adam] He made every nation of men, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and He determined the times set for them and the exact places where they should live. God did this so that men would seek Him and perhaps reach out for Him and find Him, though he is not far from each one of us. ~ Acts 17:26-27

~ TWO THINGS THAT ALWAYS CHANGE - LIKE IT OR NOT ~

1) PEOPLE

2) THE WAY OUR CULTURE VIEWS ITSELF AND PROCESSES INFORMATION

~ THREE OF MANY WAYS TO KEEP OUR MINISTRY ARENAS RELEVANT ~

1) EMBRACE NEW TECHNOLOGY

No one sews a patch of unshrunk cloth on an old garment. If he does, the new piece will pull away from the old, making the tear worse. And no one pours new wine into old wineskins. If he does, the wine will burst the skins and both the wine and the wineskins will be ruined. No, he pours new wine into new wineskins.

~ Mark 2:21-22

2) BE MODERN AND ENTHUSIASTIC IN WORSHIP

Praise the Lord! Praise God in His sanctuary; Praise Him in His mighty expanse. Praise Him for His mighty deeds; Praise Him according to His excellent greatness.

Praise Him with trumpet sound; Praise Him with harp and lyre. Praise Him with tambourine and dancing; Praise Him with stringed instruments and flute.

Praise Him with loud cymbals; Praise Him with resounding cymbals.

Everything that has breath shall praise the Lord. Praise the Lord! ~ Psalm 150:1-6

3) PRACTICE THE ART OF BECOMING

For though I am free from all people, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I may gain more. To the Jews I became as a Jew, so that I might gain Jews; to those who are under the Law, I became as one under the Law, though not being under the Law myself, so that I might gain those who are under the Law; to those who are without the Law, I became as one without the Law, though not being without the Law of God but under the Law of Christ, so that I might gain those who are without the Law. To the weak I became weak, that I might gain the weak; I have become all things to all people, so that I may by all means save some. I do all things for the sake of the gospel, so that I may become a fellow partaker of it.

~ 1 Corinthians 9:19-23