



# MISSIONAL VALUES—1

## WHAT IS MISSION?

God's mission is wider than evangelism. It is restoration. What is he planning to restore?

## MISSIONAL VALUES

- Start small—but start something.
- Say "Wow!"—but don't exaggerate.
- Do what's doable—but don't get lazy.
- Count what counts—but count something.
- Be yourself—but don't indulge yourself.
- Expect the ordinary—but be ready for the extraordinary.

### 1. START SMALL—BUT START SOMETHING.

#### Think

- As a whole group tell stories of things that have started small but have grown into something substantial.
- In smaller groups read Mt 13:31-33. What is the message of the two parables taken together? What are they saying when taken separately? (If you have time you can ask the group to come up with alternative parables which make the same point.)

#### Reflect

Back to being together.

Invite people to speak out Ps 119:18. "Open my eyes, so that I may behold wondrous things out of your law".

- Ask one person to read twice through Ezek. 17:22-24. Keep silence for two minutes while people consider what has struck them. Share the words with the whole group without comment.
- Repeat the process with a different reader. Consider, "What is God saying to me from this passage?" People may share it they wish.
- Repeat once more. Consider, "What response God does God require from me to this passage?"

#### Act (Please allow at least 10 minutes for this section)

Where have you started joining in God's mission? What else is there that you could start? The leader should answer the question for herself and then get people to pair up to answer it and to pray for one another