



MISSIONAL VALUES—4

GOD'S MISSION IS WIDER THAN EVANGELISM. ONE SIMPLE WAY OF DESCRIBING IT IS RESTORATION. ACTS 3:21.

4. COUNT WHAT COUNTS, NOT EVERYTHING COUNTS. SOME THINGS THAT COUNT, CAN'T BE COUNTED—BUT COUNT SOMETHING..

Brainstorm

- What gets counted in the Bible?
- After people have brainstormed a bit, hand out the Bible references and have people look them up and read them out:

people (Num 1:2)	tears (Ps 56:8)	converts (Ac 2:41)
hairs (Lk 12:6-7)	days (Ps 90:12)	waste baskets (Lk 9:17),
disciples (Ac 1:15)	fish (Jn 21:11)	

- Invite people to say which of those examples of counting impacts them most. Have at least one person sum up the responses in a pray of thanksgiving.

Think

The text for this study is Judges 7:1-22. You can read it through. If so, have somebody read the voice of God and one other narrate. An alternative is to get people to retell the story, adding detail to the narrative as it grows.

In small groups get people to work through this story and think about what counted (mattered) in this story. [The short answer is everything that happened so it will take a while.] Feed back.

Reflect

- Why did God not like the big number army? How does this affect the way we think about size? (Reflect on Zech 4:6)
- What cannot be counted?

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

Generate a list of things which matter and should be counted in reaching out to others.

PEOPLE SERVED	PEOPLE PRAYED FOR	PEOPLE PRAYED WITH
KIND WORDS	STORIES LISTENED TO	STORIES TOLD
'CONICIDENCES'	CONVERSIONS	HEALINGS
POSITIVE RESPONSES	ATTITUDES CHANGING	GROWING FRIENDSHIPS

Consider how you, as a group, can keep 'score' of these things.