

## Four Values – Relational

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### **Reflection & Discussion Questions**

#### **The mediocre and amateur performance of the Kingdom song by Christians have convinced some that the song isn't beautiful, and the composer is no good**

The most significant way we've gotten the song wrong has been the way we've treated people.

\*Why are relational values so important to our participation in the Kingdom?

#### **Everyone is welcome at Pulpit Rock**

Every human totally falls short of God's standard, and yet, everyone is created in the image of God and worthy of love.

Read and discuss Matthew 5:43-48(NIV)

<sup>43</sup> "You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' <sup>44</sup> But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, <sup>45</sup> that you may be children of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous. <sup>46</sup> If you love those who love you, what reward will you get? Are not even the tax collectors doing that? <sup>47</sup> And if you greet only your own people, what are you doing more than others? Do not even pagans do that? <sup>48</sup> Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

\*What do these verses say His love? How we should love?

\*What does it mean to withhold welcome based on sin?

\*How have you seen someone experience Jesus in the ways you or someone else was welcoming?

\*What is beautiful about welcoming the way Jesus did? What is challenging?

#### **We value multiple voices**

Hearing from God is a collaborative, interactive group exercise.

Read and discuss Acts 2:16-18(NIV)

<sup>16</sup> No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

<sup>17</sup> "In the last days, God says,

*I will pour out my Spirit on all people.*

*Your sons and daughters will prophesy,*

*your young men will see visions,*

*your old men will dream dreams.*

<sup>18</sup> *Even on my servants, both men and women,*

*I will pour out my Spirit in those days,*

*and they will prophesy.*

\*What do these verses say about who can hear from God?

\*What is beautiful about listening and relying on each other? What is challenging?

#### **Jesus wrote the most stunningly beautiful melody the world has ever heard with his life**

When we practice his values again and again, we will experience, and others will recognize the epic melody that he wrote.

\*What part does humility play in living out these two relational values?

\*How have you seen either of these two values play out at Pulpit Rock?

\*What is God saying to you about either of these in your own life?

\*What would it look like to blend our individual songs into the orchestra as the people of God?