

FINDING FOCUS

INTRO

- What is a favourite tradition you have as you prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus?

We're continuing our Vision and Values series by expressing the culture we want to cultivate at ENGTA. Today, we explore the final 2 values.

- a culture of SACRIFICING (a generous church) willingly and sacrificially giving of our time, money and resources to see God's kingdom advanced in our city, nation and throughout the world.
- a culture of REPRODUCING (a church-planting church) disciples making disciples resulting in churches planting churches in Toronto & beyond.

READ

Matthew 28:18-20, Romans 12:1-2
1 Peter 2:4-5, 9-10, Malachi 3:8-10

REFLECT

Our final two values emphasize the call to **sacrifice and reproduction** in our faith journey. Jesus calls us to **give generously, disciple others, and take proactive steps** toward expanding His Kingdom. As we reflect, let's examine how we can live out these principles.

Reproducing

Matthew 28:18-20 commands us to "make disciples of all nations."

Author Stephen Covey wrote, "Begin with the end in mind."

Qu: How should this "end" of discipling the nations advance our vision and our values at ENGTA?

Sacrificing

Willingness to Follow:

Jesus asks, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily" (Luke 9:23). Hudson Taylor said, "Christ is either Lord of all, or He is not Lord at all."

SACRIFICING AND REPRODUCING

Qu: What are some personal comforts or fears that make it difficult to say, "Here I am, send me" like Isaiah (Isaiah 6:8)? To say, "Yes, Lord?"

Sacrificial Living:

Romans 12:1-2 calls us to be "living sacrifices."

Qu: In what areas of your life do you struggle to surrender fully to God? What steps can you take to live sacrificially?

Generosity vs. Obedience:

Proverbs 11:25 says, "A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed." The prophet Malachi instructed the nation of Israel to bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, no longer robbing God. Pastor Adam Mabry wrote, "The tithe is not ours to give generously; it is God's, and it must be returned to its owner."

Qu: How do generosity and obedience differ? Are there areas where you've been generous but struggled to be obedient?

RESPOND

Assess Your Willingness:

"Where am I holding back? Where do You want me to step out in faith?" Write down areas where you need to grow in sacrifice and obedience.

Step into Generosity:

Take one practical step toward sacrificial giving—is that step committing to tithe?

Engage in Discipleship:

Identify one person you can mentor, encourage, or invite into a deeper faith journey. Reach out to them this week and begin intentional conversations.

PRAY

Pray for a Heart of Sacrifice:

Reflect on Psalm 51:16-17—"My sacrifice, O God, is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart you, God, will not despise." Spend time in repentance and surrender, asking God to make you willing to sacrifice for His Kingdom.

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“Lord, help us to live lives of sacrifice, obedience, and generosity. Give us the courage to follow You fully, to give freely, and to make disciples as You have called us. May we always begin with the end in mind—keeping our focus on Your Kingdom. Amen.”