



Vision Sundays 2022

Focused on Jesus, Building Community, Impacting the World.

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What are we to be?

What are we to do?

The Great Commandment – Focused on Jesus & Building Community

“LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD with all your heart... soul.. and mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR as yourself. All the Law and Prophets hang on these two commandments.”

Matthew 22:36-40

The Great Commission – Impacting the World

“GO AND MAKE DISCIPLES of all nations. BAPTIZING THEM in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and TEACHING THEM TO DO everything I have commanded you.”

Matthew 28:19-10

The Vision for the church; we are in a continuation of

JESUS’ MISSION & MINISTRY

Jesus said, “... I will build my church, and the gates of Hell will not overcome it!”

Matthew 16:18

“Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.”

1 Corinthians 12:27

Jesus said, “It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. But go and learn what this means: ‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice.’ For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners.”

Matthew 9:12

Again he said, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I am sending you.”

John 20:21

“For Christ’s love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again. So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men’s sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. We are therefore Christ’s ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us.”

2 Corinthians 5:15-20

“Is there any encouragement from belonging to Christ? Any comfort from his love? Any fellowship together in the Spirit? Are your hearts tender and compassionate? Then make me truly happy by agreeing wholeheartedly with each other, loving one another, and working together with one mind and purpose.

Don’t be selfish; don’t try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves. Don’t look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too.

*You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had. Though he was God, he did not think of equality with God as something to cling to. Instead, **he gave up his divine privileges**; he took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being. When he appeared in human form, he **humbled himself in obedience to God and died a criminal’s death on a cross.***

*Therefore, God elevated him to the place of highest honor and gave him the name above all other names, that **at the name of Jesus every knee should bow**, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue declare that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”*

Philippians 2:1-11

THE VISION of the CHURCH is not for us to determine.

What the church is, is not for us to decide.

What the church is to do, is not up for grabs.

We must rediscover Jesus’s Vision for the church

HOW we minister is modelled by Jesus: Prayer & Relationship

“And so my judgment is that we should not make it difficult for the Gentiles who are turning to God.”

Acts 15:19

“This is how we know we are in him: Whoever claims to live in him must walk as Jesus did.”

1 John 1:5-6

We want to be an invitational community.

Praying for at least 3 people who don’t know Jesus

Minute longer conversations following the Holy Spirit

Discussion:

What would it look like to becoming a safe invitational community?

What prevents us from inviting those curious about Jesus to come?

What would it mean for us to not make it difficult for people to come to Jesus?