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what's at the centre

Part 3: Our Vision & Strategy

Sermon Big Idea

Our Mission: Leading People into a Growing Relationship with Jesus.

Simply having a mission statement doesn't mean we will live it out. That's why we have to do the work of figuring out **how** we will be a community of faith that leads people into a growing relationship with Jesus.

If we want to turn our intentions into action, it means we have to build a plan together. Some of those items in our plan are A) Building meaningful relationships, B) Creating a Sunday experience that connects people with Jesus, and C) Creating multiple opportunities for people to connect with Jesus.

When we live these out, we can become a community that is actively helping people who feel distant from God to move closer to Jesus.

Discussion Questions

1. Have you ever had a time where you had good intentions to do something but you weren't able to turn those intentions into action or implementation? What happened?
2. Read **John 17:18-21**. What is so significant about this prayer from Jesus, and what does it reveal about who we are as his followers?
3. Why is it important to define a strategy or plan for how we are going to move forward in our mission as a church?
4. How can we as a church help people find meaningful friendships and relationships? Why is this important for growing as a disciple?
5. Our Sunday gathering is not the purpose of why the church exists, but it is the most visible expression of our unity and our desire for people to come to faith in Jesus. How does providing multiple ways for people to connect with Jesus help people grow in their faith?
6. Pastor Brian ended the message by focusing on the question "What is my role in helping people connect with Jesus?" What are some of the ways that our actions can help people connect to Jesus?
7. What is your specific role that will help people experience God's love and begin a relationship with Jesus? How could you start living this?

Scripture Passages

Matthew 28:16-20

Jesus gives the great commission to his disciples.

John 17:18-20

Jesus prayed for his disciples and for us, that we would be sent out into the world just as Jesus was sent by the Father into the world.

Ephesians 1:5

Paul describes that God planned and made decisions in advance.

Matthew 22:37-40

Jesus responds to questions about what the most important commands are.

Romans 15:13

Paul encourages the Roman church to focus on hope, and to let their hope overflow and encourage others.