

Sunday, January 19, 2020

Vision 20/20



- **What** is God **calling** us to do?

*I will stand at my watch and station myself on the ramparts;
I will look to see what he will say to me, and what answer I am to give to this
complaint. Then the Lord replied: "Write down the revelation and make it plain
on tablets so that a herald may run with it.*

Habakkuk 2:1-2

- Make it **plain** so others can **run** with it

*Therefore, with minds that are alert and fully sober, set your hope on the grace
to be brought to you when Jesus Christ is revealed at his coming.*

1 Peter 1:13

- Prepare your **mind** for **action**

- We are called to be a church that **pursues the lost**
 - Because you never know **who** is in the **house**
 - Because the **eternal** destiny of peoples' **souls** are at stake
 - Because it is the greatest way to **honor** the One who paid the **ultimate** price for me

"For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."

Luke 19:10

- The Lost **Sheep**
- The Lost **Coins**
- The Lost **Son**

"The older brother became angry and refused to go in. So his father went out and pleaded with him. But he answered his father, 'Look! All these years I've been slaving for you and never disobeyed your orders. Yet you never gave me even a young goat so I could celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours who has squandered your property with prostitutes comes home, you kill the fattened calf for him!'

"'My son,' the father said, 'you are always with me, and everything I have is yours. But we had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.'"

Luke 15:28-32

- The oldest son became **angry**
- He **refused** to **celebrate**
- The older son is a **warning** to the church

*"Sing, barren woman, you who never bore a child;
burst into song, shout for joy, you who were never in labor;
because more are the children of the desolate woman than of her who has a
husband," says the Lord. "Enlarge the place of your tent, stretch your tent
curtains wide do not hold back; lengthen your cords, strengthen your stakes.*

Isaiah 54:1-2

- Celebrate in **advance**
- **Enlarge** your expectations
- Throw **open** the doors
- Reach **further**
- Secure the **foundation**

- Pursuing the lost requires **action** on our part.