

Our Measures**# 4 Sharing The Journey*****Who Am I Inviting Into The Gospel?*****Dr. Larry Lamb – July 29, 2018****CVC Mission Statement**

Inviting the lost and broken into our Christ-centered journey
from empty religion to generational life change.

Our *Values*

- # 1 Biblical Truth Alive In Love
- # 2 Power of Prayer
- # 3 Life Changing Generosity
- # 4 Unity In Diversity
- # 5 Before You're Ready

Our *Strategy*

- # 1 Worship
- # 2 Community Groups
- # 3 Serve Teams
- # 4 Spiritual growth

Our *Measures*

- # 1 - Motivated by Christ's love – *are my decisions and actions driven by the cross?*
- # 2 - Engaging God's Word and Spirit – *how have I responded to God's Word and Spirit today?*
- # 3 - Thankful for grace – *Am I giving, forgiving and grateful?*
- # 4 - Sharing the journey – *who am I inviting to the gospel?*

WHETHER IT'S AN INDIVIDUAL OR A CHURCH COMMUNITY, IT REQUIRES A LOT OF SECURITY AND ENERGY TO SAY, "YES" TO FULFILL GOD'S VISION."

- Who am I inviting to the gospel?
- Who am I asking to explore the claims of Jesus?
- Who am I praying for who doesn't know the forgiveness that Jesus offers?
- Do I think about the eternality of people around me?

Sharing the Journey - The Invite

Matthew 28.19 *Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.*

Psalms 90.12 – *Teach us to realize the brevity of life, so that we may grow in wisdom.*

Matthew 6.19-21 *Don't store up treasures here on earth, where moths eat them and rust destroys them, and where thieves break in and steal. ²⁰ Store your treasures in heaven, where moths and rust cannot destroy, and thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹ Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be.*

- Is everyone in your family on their way to heaven?
- Do you pray for your children, grandchildren, parents, friends, or co-workers who do not know the forgiveness of Jesus?
- Do we have a level of concern about people that moves us to share the journey with them?

Did You Know?

- (1) Sharing the journey is your story told to others that **INTERSECTS** life at the right time for the right reason. Learn to ask a few questions. The questions Bill Fay asks:
- Do you have any kind of spiritual belief?
 - To you, who is Jesus?
 - Do you think there is a heaven and a hell?
 - If you died right now, where would you go?
 - If what you believe were not true, would you want to know it?
- (2) Your life will influence someone along the journey who will never forget your **COURAGEOUS** spirit by answering the question: Who am I inviting to the Gospel?

PEOPLE WILL LIVE FOREVER IN HEAVEN BECAUSE WE “STAYED THE COURSE.”

Dear God, I know that I am on the wrong path. I admit that I am a sinner on the road headed away from You. I want to turn around and journey with You on the road to eternal life. I know that I cannot do that by myself. I know that You sent Your Son, Jesus Christ, to die for my sins. Right now, I trust in Jesus as the only One who can provide true life, the life that is found in You. I trust in Jesus as the One who did for me what I cannot do for myself. I trust in Jesus as the only One who can place me in an eternal relationship with You. In Jesus' Name. Amen.