



VISION & VALUES



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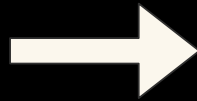
John 17:20 "I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, **21** that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. **22** The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, **23** I in them and you

John 17:23 ...in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me. **24** Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory that you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

John 17:25 O righteous Father, even though the world does not know you, I know you, and these know that you have sent me. **26** I made known to them your name, and I will continue to make it known, that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."

Center City Church

a family of God,
centered on knowing
Christ
and making him known



Inward
(John 17:6-21)



Upward
(John 17:1-5)



Outward
(John 17:21-26)

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Marks of a Healthy Family of God

1. Identity
2. Unity
3. Conformity

(This Week)

4. Ministry
5. Doxology

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- 3.

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Romans 1:5 Through Him and on behalf of His name, we received grace and apostleship to call all those among the Gentiles to the obedience that comes from faith.

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1. Out of His Identity (the love and glory of the Father)
2. Out of Unity and Community found within the trinity
- 3.

John 17:7 Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you. **8** For I have given them the words that you gave me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me.

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3. Out of conformity to God's plan

John 17:19 And for their sake I
consecrate myself, that they also may
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“Missions is not the ultimate goal of the church. Worship is. Missions exists because worship doesn’t. Worship is ultimate, not missions, because God is ultimate, not man. When this age is over, and the countless millions of the redeemed fall on their faces before the throne of God, missions will be no more. It is a temporary necessity. But worship abides forever.” – John Piper

Application

1. How does being sent by Jesus through your new identity, unity, and ongoing conformity, impact the way you think about your ministry and doxology?
2. Who is one person within the church and one person outside the church you want to do spiritual good to this week?
3. How can the family of God join you in this good work?