

VISION SUNDAY

(Follow Up)

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- ❖ **WHAT IS OUR PURPOSE?**
- ❖ **WHAT IS OUR VISION?**

The PURPOSE of JESUS CENTER is: To
bring hearts back to God.

According to our PURPOSE.

- ❖ Our Primary Target are: *THOSE WHO ARE FAR FROM GOD, DO NOT KNOW GOD, DO NOT BELIEVE IN GOD, HAVE TURNED AWAY FROM GOD.*
- ❖ The organization ought to make our Purpose our Priority.
- ❖ We gauge our success according to our Purpose.
- ❖ We build up teams of co-workers to accomplish this.

The VISION of Jesus Center is: To bring God's transforming love to our communities and invite people into God's saving grace.

This is what we mean by "Revival".

We aren't going for *merely* hand-raises (decisions), mystical experiences (tongues, etc.), big events with a lot of energy and crowds, or water baptisms, but we are after *seeing hearts and lives transformed and upgraded through God's love and grace.*

According to our VISION.

- ❖ **We dream of people experiencing on-going inner-transformation as they are spiritually connected or re-connected with their Creator and follow the way of Jesus.**
- ❖ This transformation will affect how we treat our families.
- ❖ This transformation will lead to greater inner wholeness, humility, and compassion.
- ❖ This transformation is about becoming who God intended for us to be: image-bearers of Him.

The Benefits of VISION.

- ❖ **Vision helps us to be resilient.**
- ❖ **Vision helps us to remain passionate.**
- ❖ **Vision helps us to gather those who have the same vision.**

According to the Purpose and Vision of Jesus Center, we are NOT called to be a social club.

A social club only exists for it's members.
We exist for those who are seeking to reach.
Although we enjoy our family,
we need to remain focused on our visitors
and those in our communities.

What would it look like, if we are fulfilling our **PURPOSE** and seeing our **VISION** come to pass?

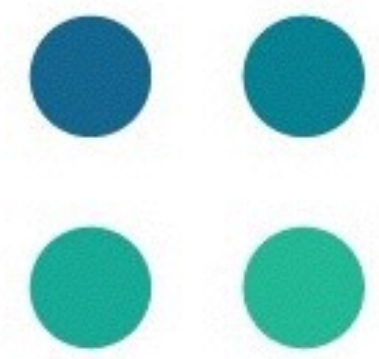
1. We will be growing.
2. Our growth won't be primarily at the expense of other churches.
3. We will see new people growing through our growth tracks.
4. We will see more and more people cultivating a humble spirituality.
5. Empowered and restored people begin to empower and restore other people.
6. The South Bay community experiences a positive transformation.

How do we go about our Purpose and Vision?

Everything we do should contribute to the purpose and vision.

Yet, this is what we covered last week...

- 1) We go about our lives being a blessing to people for the purpose of loving them. And let's be attentive to who the Spirit may lead us to invite to our Sunday gatherings.
- 2) We will seek to be a friendly and loving church that welcomes and relates to people from all walks of life.
- 3) We will give people invitations to connect or reconnect with God in surrender, to follow Jesus, and receive prayer to be filled with God's Spirit.
- 4) We will provide growth tracks so people can learn their next steps if and when they want that fresh start in life.



GROWTH TRACK

SUNDAYS, 1 - 2pm w/ Pastor Daniel



KNOW
GOD
OCT 21



FIND
FREEDOM
OCT 28



DISCOVER
PURPOSE
NOV 4



MAKE A
DIFFERENCE
NOV 11

QUESTIONS ASKED ABOUT THE PURPOSE, VISION, AND APPLICATION...

We enjoy discussion and dialogue.

“WILL THE CHURCH ONLY CATER TO NON-CHRISTIANS AND NEW CHRISTIANS?”

We will seek to be understandable, personable, and welcoming to people from all walks of life and religious/philosophical/political persuasions. Those newer to the faith, just beginning a new life, may need extra care (as with younger children in the natural.) However, there will be groups, classes, and service opportunities for people in all stages of spiritual development. All of our growing and learning should equip us to better serve and love those around us.

**“WILL WE BECOME ONE OF THOSE
REALLY BIG CHURCHES?”**

Healthy things naturally grow. When we are faithful with what we have, we are entrusted with more (Luke 16:10). When we are on-point with our purpose and working together to see our vision come to pass, there will be growth and multiplication. With greater growth, we will do all we can to provide more small groups and multiply leaders and locations.

“ARE WE GOING TO SHUT DOWN THE GIFTS AND MOVE OF THE SPIRIT TO BE MINDFUL OF UN-BELIEVERS?”

We will seek to be wise as serpents and innocent as doves (Matthew 10:16). We want to be strategic, practical, and professional in all we do, and also be sensitive to how the Spirit is leading. It's not an either/or but a both/and. We will seek to understand people, tap into the resources of research, use proven methods to accomplish our purpose and vision AND also make room for the leading, gifts, and manifestations of the Spirit. However, Apostle Paul made it clear that the gifts and manifestations of the Spirit should be for the common good and for the purpose of building up the church (1 Corinthians 12:7; 14:26) not merely bringing attention to oneself. As there are moves and manifestations of the Spirit, we will seek to bring as much understanding to what is happening as Peter did on the day of Pentecost (Acts 2), so people won't feel lost and confused. Some of our other gatherings will be a believers only meeting where less explanations are required (your prayer closet is a free for all too), but our Sunday gatherings will be for everyone- so we will prioritize gently guiding the most amount of people- one step closer to God. We hope that people will not be unnecessarily disruptive, and when there are mystical expressions, we will seek to be a helpful tour guide.

**FOR ANY OTHER QUESTIONS...
OR TO CONTINUE THE CONVERSATION,
FEEL FREE TO REACH OUT TO ME.**

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