

Vision Sunday 2016

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-Rick Warren, Author of Purpose Driven Church.

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1 Corinthians 3:6 (NLT)

Surfing Spiritual Waves:

1. Seeing/Riding these kinds of spiritual waves is rare.
2. Riding Spiritual Waves isn't easy.

Goals for 2016:

- Average over 1,000 in attendance.
- Solidify a Mission Partnership with Haiti.
- Update Bylaws and Policies.
- Like to see us Create an Online Campus.
- Continue to be open to another Physical Campus.
- Launch Coastal's new Discipleship Matrix.

"Take the time and the trouble to keep yourself spiritually fit."

1 Timothy 4:7b (Ph)

- Formalize our Leadership Structure.
3. It takes a real commitment to surf Spiritual Waves.

Practical next steps:

- Committed to Christ?
- Been Baptized?
- Coastal Member?
- Graduated #201 - #301 - #401?
- Giving faithfully?
- Part of a Life Group?
- Serving?

"Jesus Christ is the hope of the world,
and His bride, the church, is the bearer of that hope!"

Leadership Tip!

Prayer in a life group is important. Make sure that you are not only praying for the burdens shared by members of your group but also encourage them to share praises you can celebrate in prayer together. This practice will strengthen everyone's personal prayer life.

VISION SUNDAY 2016**STARTER QUESTIONS:**

What has been the biggest change you have noticed at Coastal over the past year?

MAIN IDEA:

Vision Sunday is our annual Sunday where Pastor Hank reviews the accomplishments and growth of the Church over the last year and casts the goals of the upcoming year. Today's group is really centered on open discussion about Vision Sunday and where God is taking Coastal, how that impacts us as a group and you personally.

What part of the vision message resonated with you the most?

What is our mission statement at Coastal?

"To make more and better followers of Christ and Christ-Following Churches"

Key Scripture:

"I planted the seed in your hearts, and Apollos watered it, but it was God who made it grow."
1 Cor. 3:6 (NLT)

We can see in this scripture that Paul and Apollos had a role in the growth of the church but it was God who planted the seed. We are seeing this verse play out before our eyes at Coastal. God has planted a seed and we have the challenge of watering, and caring for the seed.

Pastor Hank talked about the analogy of surfing a wave when he referenced Rick Warren's *Purpose Driven Church* with the following:

"The secret to a vibrant, growing church lies in the surfing skills of its members -- their ability to "catch the waves" of what God is doing." -Rick Warren, Author of *Purpose Driven Church*.

How can you relate to "catching the wave"?

It is important to recognize that we talk about catching the wave and not creating the wave. God creates the wave and we as the Church body needs to be ready to catch and ride the wave that He provides. That's really what vision Sunday is about....what we as Coastal need to do to catch and ride the wave.

Pastor Hank mentioned several statistics about our growth or "wave":

- Transitioned from Green Run High School to our beautiful new building
- Launched Adult Men's and Women's ministry. Held 1st in house women's conference.
- Life group attendance has increased 25%.
- Sold over 450 James devotional series books.
- Coastal Kid's launched a new security team. Sunday morning CK attendance doubled.
- Student Ministry developed a fully functioning worship team. Sunday SM attendance doubled.
- Missions in South Africa and Haiti continuing to grow.
- Coffee shop generated over \$5,000 dollars in profits (30,000 meals)
- Food pantry has all grown substantially. Distributed over 200,000 lbs of food.

What area of growth is the most exciting to you?

How have you seen our life group grow over the last year?

Another part of vision Sunday is laying out the goals for us as a church for the upcoming year.

These are the 2016 goals for Coastal:

- Average over 1,000 in attendance
- Solidify a Mission Partnership with Haiti (like we have in South Africa)
- Update Bylaws and Policies
- Like to see us create an Online Campus (cool?)
- Continue to be open to another Physical Campus for Coastal in the future
- Transition from an Advisory Team to a team of Elders
- Launch a church-wide discipleship program

Which one of these goals do you think you will play a role in achieving?

As a life group, how can we impact each of these goals?

What should be our Life Group goals for 2016?

NOTE: Take a few minutes to come up with goals for your group for the year. Ensure they are reasonable, achievable, and that they complement the goals of Coastal. Make note of them and pray over them now as a group. After the meeting ensure you get them distributed out to the group.

FINAL THOUGHTS:

How has Coastal impacted you the most since you started attending?

We now have an opportunity to pay that impact forward and grow God's Kingdom through Coastal. We can not only get to give back, but be part of a memorable period of time for our Church.

We all have a vision of how we see Coastal in the near future. Through God all things are possible. We are experiencing a time of huge growth and change at Coastal. This time should be filled with joy and anticipation, not fear and discouragement.

How are you going to catch and ride the wave?

How will you pray for Coastal?

What is one area that you personally want to grow spiritually this year?

How can our group help you achieve that growth?

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FAMILY FOCUS:

For this week, you can keep the kids involved in the conversation. Ask them their vision or interest in the future of Coastal Kids, Student Ministry and the Church. Be sure to let them know that they play an integral part of the future for our church. See where the conversation leads you!