

## Vision: Seeking, Growing, Sending

**Kicking it Off:** Did you have to wear glasses as a kid? If so, how did that impact you?

**Big Idea:** The vision of Sunnybrook Church is seeking those who don't know Jesus, growing those who do, and sending those who will.

### Key Scriptures:

- **Matthew 28:18-20** *Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."*
- **Luke 15:4-7** *Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Doesn't he leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, "Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep." I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent.*
- **Ephesians 4:11-16** *So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming. Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ. From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.*
- **Isaiah 6:1-8** *In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord, high and exalted, seated on a throne; and the train of his robe filled the temple. Above him were seraphim, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. And they were calling to one another: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory." At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke. "Woe to me!" I cried. "I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the LORD Almighty." Then one of the seraphim flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar. With it he touched my mouth and said, "See, this has touched your*

*lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for. "Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I. Send me!"*

**Discussion:**

1. Read Matthew 28:19-20, Luke 15:4-7, and Ephesians 4:11-16. These passages share Jesus' vision for His followers, a vision that we seek to carry out at Sunnybrook Church. In Sunday's message about that vision, BJ shared some questions to ask that might reveal some vision impairment or leakage. Discuss together your responses to the following:
  - What are you praying about? What's the focus of your prayers? Is it only for those who are sick? Or does it also include those who don't know Jesus?
  - Are you seeing God at work? Are you celebrating where you see God at work?
  - What do you find yourself complaining about? If you asked your spouse or a friend or a coworker...what would they say you complain about?
  - Are you intentionally seeking those who don't know Jesus and His great love for them?
  - Do you find that your love for Jesus is growing? Do you think you are more like Him at the end of this year than you were at the beginning?
  - Is your heart growing for the same concerns that God cares about?
2. In what areas might you have impaired vision?
3. Discuss with your group how you might allow God to put His vision into focus in your life.
4. Read Isaiah 6:1-8. As you think about your own life, are you a "send me Lord" kind of person? Why or why not?

**Wrapping it Up:** Identify one thing you can do to improve your "eternity vision". Commit to that and hold one another accountable in your group.

**Memory Verse:** *Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.* **Matthew 28:19-20**

**Prayer Focus:** Pray for God's purpose and vision to be carried out in your life and in the life of our church family throughout this new year.