

Vision Sunday

Where there is no vision, there is no Hope.- George Washington Carver

Vision is a picture of the future that produces passion.- Bill Hybels

We are spiritual communal beings.

18 The Lord God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him."

Genesis 2:18

Koinonia- Community- (deep connection, close partnership, common life)

1. People of Hope abide in the author of hope.

Menó: (Abide)- to remain, to stay, to dwell.

"Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me."

John 15:4

2. People of Hope dwell in community.

Skénoó - Dwell (skay-no'-o-) Occupy, to be present. (As God did in the tabernacle, which signified a sign of protection and communion)

"The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth"

John 1:14

3. People of Hope are being transformed more and more like Jesus.

16 But whenever someone turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. 17 For the Lord is the Spirit, and wherever the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. 18 So all of us who have had that veil removed can see and reflect the glory of the Lord. And the Lord—who is the Spirit—makes us more and more like him as we are changed into his glorious image.

2 Corinthians 3:16-18

4. People of Hope produce fruit within the community they dwell in.

10 Then the way you live will always honor and please the Lord, and your lives will produce every kind of good fruit. All the while, you will grow as you learn to know God better and better.

Colossians 1:10

- 1. Build on the good things that God is already doing**
- 2. Bless our Community**
- 3. Join or start a small group.**
- 4. . Gather around a table**

"If he had a 'method of evangelism,' that was it: eat a meal with people far from God." - John Mark Comer.

"Eating a meal together with Jesus isn't a sign of the Kingdom; it is the Kingdom. It's not a metaphor; it is real life." - John Mark Comer (Practice Hospitality)

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