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Vision Statement

We live to see lives transformed through Jesus

Mission Statement

We are a family committed to seeing lives changed. We connect people to God and others, make disciples of Jesus, and are Spirit-empowered people who live out the Good News in our world. And we are each determined to fulfill our unique purpose in God's mission to everyone, everywhere, every day.

3 Pillars

Connect | Disciple | Empower

Here we are at week 8 of VISION series! For the last 7 weeks, we've been discussing the details of our VISION Statement.

We have broken down our MISSION Statement into bite-sized pieces:

- **A FAMILY committed**...We have ONE father. Jesus welcomed us into HIS family
- **CONNECT people to God and others**...We were created for connection!
- **Make DISCIPLES of Jesus**...It's a commandment and invitation into Jesus' mission
- **We are Spirit EMPOWERED people**...God gives us Holy Spirit (POWER). We can't be about the mission of God w/o the power of God!
- **We LIVE out our UNIQUE PURPOSE**...We create opportunities and invite others to use what they have for the sake of the mission (5 loaves & 2 fish)

Everyone has something to offer. A couple of years ago, Pastor Jason was praying and asking the Lord how we should move forward as a church. He was telling Jesus the things we needed as a family of believers, and he felt the Lord impress on his heart this phrase **"You have EVERYTHING need"**

- This has resonated with a lot of us, but the question then becomes, *what do we have?*
- What are OUR 5 loaves and 2 fish?

Today we are wrapping up our Vision series with the last phrase of our MISSION statement: **Everyone, Everywhere, Every day.**

This statement is MISSIONAL. This statement is PERSONAL. This statement is COLLECTIVE. This STATEMENT can be considered our motto. It encapsulates how we want to think of our Vision and our Mission.

Statements such as these are a trigger. There's an association that happens in our brains. Just as when we hear "Just do it!", we instantly think Nike, "Have it your way" we think Burger King, "The Quicker Picker Upper" we think Bounty, SO as when we hear **"Everyone, Everywhere, Every day!"**, we want you to think Good News Church. But even more than just thinking of Good News, we want you to think, "WE ARE ON MISSION and I am on mission."

Companies know the power of having a slogan because they are in it to make money...WE are in it for the mission and GLORY of Jesus!

In the book of John, chapter 4, we see a beautiful picture of Jesus being on mission. Jesus displays that HE IS in fact for **"Everyone, Everywhere, Every day!"**

Read John 4:1-10 NIV

Jesus, already known as a HOLY man, speaks to a woman by himself. *In Jesus' culture devout Jewish men would not allow themselves to be alone with a woman for fear of gossip, impurity, or being drawn to immorality.*

- Verse 27 - the disciples were surprised to find him talking to a woman.
- If they found themselves alone with a woman, they would definitely not strike up a conversation with her. Especially a woman of bad character.
- She came around noon. This is an unusual time for a woman to come to draw water. They came early morning or late afternoon, due to the heat.
- It is likely that this woman did not want to encounter the other women in town because of her reputation.

John 4:16 He told her, "Go, call your husband and come back."**17** "I have no husband," she replied. Jesus said to her, "You are right when you say you have no husband. **18** The fact is, you have had five husbands, and the man you now have is not your husband. What you have just said is quite true."

- Samaria is located between Galilee and Judea. It would be NATURAL for Jews to travel through Samaria to go back and forth from Galilee to Judea, but many avoided this route. Sometimes Samaritans would attack Jews on this journey.
- Jews did not associate/mix with Samaritans. They wouldn't even use the same eating or drinking utensils.
- Yet Jesus actually asks her "Will you give me a drink?"
- Even the woman was shocked to see Jesus talk to her. "You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?"

This woman, in this moment, was Jesus' *EVERYONE*. Society didn't expect him to talk to her. In fact, it would have been expected for him to stay away from her. However, the act of Jesus speaking with her was not extreme, it's just Jesus' way.

Who is your Samaritan Woman?

Who has God placed in YOUR path that you've been avoiding?

Who is your EVERYONE?

- These are the people God has strategically positioned in your life.
- For some people in your life, you may be the ONLY picture of Jesus they will see all week.
- We have to also think about OUR "EVERYONE" as a church family.
- Good News Church has been positioned by God to reach the UNREACHED, to minister to the LEAST of these.
- "Everyone, Everywhere, Everyday" is personal and collective
- Your everyone may not be my everyone, but OUR everyone is the same!
- There are people God has called this family to reach. *We MUST be on mission together!*

Jesus' mission was to bring transformation to EVERYONE, and this was to happen EVERYWHERE!

- The conversation with this woman happened at a regular place
- This didn't happen at the temple...it didn't happen at church

We live to see lives transformed through Jesus, and that means we look for opportunities EVERYWHERE to share the love, goodness, and mercy of our God.

There are opportunities everywhere!

- Opportunities at your **job**. In your **neighborhood**. At **school**. At the **grocery store**. At **ballpark**. At the **gym**...
- You go places I don't go, and I go places you don't go...
- **We are called to bring the transformative POWER of Jesus into those places!**

WHERE is God inviting you to display His character?

This mission is PERSONAL and COLLECTIVE. *"Everyone, Everywhere, Every day!"*

This may seem like a daunting task...and it is! This is impossible for you! This is impossible for me! This is impossible IF we do it ALONE.

- He has called ALL OF US into a spiritual family...into this mission
- A mission way too BIG, way too IMPORTANT, for us NOT to do it together
- Community is necessary! We need EACH OTHER. We need our Good News family!

Our need for one another has not changed. Since the beginning days of the Church, believers walked in unity. We (Christians) have been for the MISSION of God and for ONE ANOTHER!

The church in Acts gives us an example of what this looks like.

Acts 2:42-47 NIV

42 They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. **43** Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. **44** All the believers were together and had everything in common. **45** They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. **46** Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, **47** praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

Doing is the fruit of *being*. Our identity in Christ leads us to love others through actions.

They were devoted - They met needs - Every day they met at the temple courts - They enjoyed each other's company.

- You can see how their lives impacted their community, but they were also impacting ONE ANOTHER'S lives
- Our focus can't only be "OUT THERE," we also have to be about IN HERE.
- We are part of each other's EVERYONE...

This type of living was normal to them. They were just being Christians. This is what they knew.

- And God began transforming people's lives
- Our expression may look a little different than theirs, but the need for us to be ON MISSION together STILL remains.
- You can see "**everyone, everywhere, every day**" displayed in the way they lived

We tend to compartmentalize our lives. We have a CHURCH bucket, my WORK bucket, SCHOOL bucket, and PERSONAL bucket.

That's OK, as long as we place Jesus in each one of those buckets!

We must make a DAILY decision to live out the mission. It's not once in a while, or when I feel like it. It is what I do because it is WHO I am! **"Doing is the fruit of Being". Our identity is found in Christ!**

The underlying current in all of this is LOVE. It is difficult to love people.

- God so LOVED the world that He gave His only son
- They will know us because our LOVE for one another

Maybe the first step of us accomplishing the Mission is asking the Lord to help us LOVE people.

Jesus displayed His love for this woman. He treated her differently than any other Rabbi would have. This conversation led to this woman becoming a WITNESS for Jesus. This conversation led to the transformation of many.

John 4:39 Many of the Samaritans from that town believed in him **because of the woman's testimony**, "He told me everything I ever did."**40** So when the Samaritans came to him, they urged him to stay with them, and he stayed two days. **41** And because of his words **many more became believers**. **42** They said to the woman, "We no longer believe just because of what you said; now we have heard for ourselves, and **we know that this man really is the Savior of the world.**"

Let us live in a way that others are COMPELLED to come and see. Let us, like Jesus, be ready to meet people where they are. The GOAL is that we are on MISSION...Together!

Who is the Gospel for and who needs the HOPE of Jesus? **EVERYONE**
Where are those people? **EVERYWHERE**
When do we do this? **EVERYDAY**

Reflection/Discussion Questions:

- Who is the Samaritan woman in your life?
- Who has God placed in your path for whom God wants to use you as a vessel of transformation?
- Who is your everyone?
- What opportunities is God placing before you each and every day?

Notice: Jesus did not meet the woman at a temple/the church/even a life group. It happened in every day life even at a time when she was noticeably trying to not rub shoulders with every day people. Who are we not seeing?

Life Group Leaders

What are your members talking about? Share with us what you are hearing at info@goodnews.church

- What are you hearing?
- Are you getting motivated to step into obedience of the Vision?
- Do you know the 3 pillars?
- Are your core values shifting?