

Our Vision

October 31, 2021

Scriptures: John 8:1-11

Bottom Line: Lead with love

Like someone seeing colour for the first time, we have a dream that people would see what the Church is truly made to be when they look at WMBC, so that they can encounter Jesus.

Our values aren't just doctrinal beliefs, they reveal our strengths and guide our actions.

John 8:1-11 - A Scriptural Anchor for Our Vision

It's easy to label people according to their sin, and throw stones at those with the "worse" labels.

Jesus is the only one qualified to condemn, but He forgives. Following His Way means welcoming and accepting the broken first, then calling them (and ourselves) to total surrender to Jesus.

Guideposts to Our Vision

- We know people by their name and their story, not their sin
- There is no "us" and "them," we all need to repent and accept forgiveness
- Lead with love that makes the religious uncomfortable and brings healing to the broken
- Our motive for obedience and surrender to Jesus is gratitude and devotion

Steps Towards the Vision

- Have a conversation with God - "What do you like about me?"
- Show grace and kindness to someone in your life who needs it.

LISTENING

Have someone in your group share something about their week. They could answer one of the following questions:

- What was a big challenge or problem you faced this week? How did you handle it?
- Where did you experience God this week? Or where do you wish you had experienced God this week?
- Based on your life experience this week, what do you think God is trying to teach you right now? What is He trying to build in you?

After the person shares, the group can respond. Make sure you let them know you heard them: tell them what you heard, offer wise advice where it's asked for, share from your own experience as well.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Review Sunday's message. What stood out to you? What challenged you? Are there any lingering questions?
2. What helps keep you from labelling people by their failures?
3. How do you think people's view of the Church needs to change for the better? How can WMBC do our part to make that change?
4. Have you struggled with a lie or a label you know isn't from God?