

VISION: TO SEE WHERE WE ARE GOING

God Conversations: Starting where we want to end up.

2 Corinthians 5:14-21

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As a church what are we supposed to be doing?

Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ 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, ²⁰ 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 28:18-20 NIV

Every church sees this commission given by Jesus as their top command.

Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' ³⁸ This is the first and greatest commandment. ³⁹ And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' ⁴⁰ All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."

Matthew 22:37-40 NIV

We are able to love others because God has loved us.

For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. ¹⁵ And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.

¹⁶ So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. ¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! ¹⁸ All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: ¹⁹ that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. ²⁰ We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. ²¹ God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

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We are ambassadors for Jesus.

Ambassadors live in a foreign country.

Ambassadors represent their country to the people in the country they are living.

Ambassadors have diplomatic immunity.

Need Adoption: identify a specific need in our community and as a church meet it.

Spiritual Formation: help people find their relationship with Jesus and what it means to follow Him.

We can best tell people about Jesus with authenticity if we have a developing relationship with them.

Our Over the Horizon goal is to have 100,000 God conversations in 7 years resulting in 1000 converts and 1000 disciples.