



Our Vision is:

To creatively love and lead people into a growing relationship with Jesus.

Our strategies:

Develop Relationships.

- I'm going to love, be an example, and invite others to join me in following Jesus.

Discover Partnership.

- I'm going to serve others on a team and do life with others in Connection Groups.

- Display Leadership.

Leadership = My personal growth and influence.

Personal Growth is a natural process for every Christ follower.

- Growth is the process of discipleship.
- Growth is the process of becoming.

29 For from the very beginning God decided that those who came to him—and all along he knew who would—should become like his Son... Romans 8:29 (TLB)

37 Jesus replied, "'You must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.' 38 This is the first and greatest commandment. 39 A second is equally important: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' Matthew 22:37-39 (NLT)

Spiritual growth is the process of:

- Learning to know and love God.
- Learning to know and love others.

1 John 4:20-21 (MSG)

5 ...you need more than faith; you must also work hard to be good, ...you must learn to know God better and discover what he wants you to do. 6 Next, learn to put aside your own desires so that you will become patient and godly, gladly letting God have his way with you. 7 This will make possible the next step, which is for you to enjoy other people and to like them, and finally you will grow to love them

deeply. 8 The more you go on in this way, the more you will grow strong spiritually and become fruitful and useful to our Lord Jesus Christ. 2 Peter 1:5-8 (TLB)

- To make a difference in this world you don't have to be the best, you just have to care the most.
- The heart of leadership is service.
Jesus says that leadership is not power over others but power under others, helping them to succeed.

26 ...Anyone wanting to be a leader among you must be your servant. Matthew 20:26 (TLB)

- Leaders see in others what they are unable to see in themselves. .Matthew 16:17-18 (NLT)
 - Leaders believe in others to be more than they dreamed was possible.
 - Leaders will sacrifice to elevate others.
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- Leadership is influence.

The challenge is...

- Most people choose to be passive leaders, when God calls us to be active leaders.

14 You are the light of the world—like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden.

15 No one lights a lamp and then puts it under a basket. Instead, a lamp is placed on a stand, where it gives light to everyone in the house. 16 In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father. Matthew 5:14-16 (NLT)

The key to leadership is confidence in what God is doing in our lives.

6 being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. Philippians 1:6 (NIV)

Have Questions? Text them to: (559)-464-5754

Questions that can be used in Connection Groups:

These questions also work well for personal time with God.

- What spoke most to you from the talk on Sunday?
- How do our strategies help us live out our vision?
- In your own words, how important is it for us to personally be developing as leaders? Do you see yourself as a leader? What is a leader?
- What is spiritual growth? How do you evaluate your growth rate?
- What is leadership? Do you agree with the statement: "leadership is not power over others but power under others, helping them to succeed."? Explain.
- Are you able to see in others what they cannot see in themselves? Do you have an example to share?
- How do leaders sacrifice to elevate others?
- Why do people choose passive leadership rather than active leadership? What is the difference?

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