



You are created to **impact** the lives of others.

...let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father. Matthew 5:16 (NLT)

Is the **church** God wants us to be reflected in the **people** we aspire to be?

...go and make followers of all people in the world... Matthew 28:19 (NCV)

God's mission reminds us:

- Jesus is with you **always**.

And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Matthew 28:20 (NLT)

How we uniquely accomplish the mission is what we call our **Vision**.

- The vision **unites** us.

Unity in the church begins to erode the moment our focus gets away from **Jesus**.

And when it comes to the church, he (Jesus) organizes and holds it together, like a head does a body. Colossians 1:18b (MSG)

- The vision **directs** us.

- The vision **inspires** us.

- The vision **protects** us.

Where there is no vision, the people perish... Proverbs 29:18 (KJV)

Our vision is so important:

"When I don't buy into the vision, church becomes about **me**."

Two questions our vision answers:

- **Why does** the Quest exist?

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

- The Vision requires **creativity**.

Even though I am free of the demands and expectations of everyone, I have voluntarily become a servant to any and all in order to reach a wide range of people: religious, nonreligious, meticulous moralists, loose-living immoralists, the defeated, the demoralized—whoever. I didn't take on their way of life. I kept my bearings in Christ—but I entered their world and tried to experience things from their point of view. I've become just about every sort of servant there is in my attempts to lead those I meet into a God-saved life. I did all this because of the Message. I didn't just want to talk about it; I wanted to be in on it! 1 Corinthians 9:19-23 (MSG)

22 ...I try to find common ground with everyone, doing everything I can to save some.

23 I do everything to spread the Good News and share in its blessings. 1 Corinthians 9:19-23 (NLT)

I, too, try to please everyone in everything I do. I don't just do what is best for me; I do what is best for others so that many may be saved. And you should imitate me, just as I imitate Christ. 1 Corinthians 10:33-11:1 (NLT)

- The Vision demands **Love**.

So we love **God** completely and love **people** creatively.

Jesus replied, "'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. A second is equally important: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'

Matthew 22:37-39 (NLT)

- Love will call us to **give up** what is important to us for what **benefits** others.

- The Vision inspires us to **lead**.

Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ. 1 Corinthians 11:1 (NIV)

... You paid careful attention to the way we lived among you, and determined to live that way yourselves. In imitating us, you imitated the Master.... 1 Thessalonians 1:5-6 (MSG)

- We can't **lead** others where we are not **willing** to go.

Another question our vision answers is:

- **Why should** the Quest exist?

..."Go into all the world and preach the Good News to everyone. Anyone who believes and is baptized will be saved. But anyone who refuses to believe will be condemned. Mark 16:15-16 (NLT)

Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life, but whoever rejects the Son will not see life, for God's wrath remains on them. John 3:36 (NIV)

The thief's purpose is to steal, kill and destroy. My purpose is to give life in all its fullness. John 10:10 (TLB)

Why the stakes are high:

- **Time** is short and **eternity** is long.
- People are living without **hope**.
- People are **hurting**.
- Our **friends** need an **environment** like the Quest.

- You have been given the **vision, run** with it.

13 For "Everyone who calls on the name of the LORD will be saved."

14 But how can they call on him to save them unless they believe in him? And how can they believe in him if they have never heard about him? And how can they hear about him unless someone tells them?

15 And how will anyone go and tell them without being sent? That is why the Scriptures say, "How beautiful are the feet of messengers who bring good news!" Romans 10:13-15 (NLT)

15 ..."How wonderful is the coming of messengers who bring good news!" Romans 10:15 (TEV)



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Questions for Connection Groups:

These questions also work well for personal time with God.

- What spoke most to you from the talk on Sunday?
- What does the vision mean you you? (What stands out)
- Our vision makes us, as a church, unique. What do you enjoy about the Quest that is unique to us?
- Talk about why creativity, love and leadership are important to carrying out our vision.
- Why do you believe the Quest should exist? How are you personally carrying out the vision?
- We all know people that are lost. Do you believe the lost you know would benefit from coming to the Quest? Have you invited them?
- Do you feel that it's urgent, a good idea or somewhat important to reach people? • Do you believe the Quest is a perfect place for imperfect people to grow? Explain. • How can we be more effective in reaching the lost?

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