



You are the light of the world—like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden....let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father. Matthew 5:14,16 (NLT)

...go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” Matthew 28:19-20 (NLT)

- God will never **ask** you to do what he will not **help** you to do.
- When we’re convinced that hell is real, we’ll do all we can to **reach** all we can.

Recap:

- Our vision gives us a **purpose** to live out.

Our vision: "To creatively **love** and lead **people** in a growing relationship with **Jesus**."

Where there is no vision, the people are uncontrolled; but he who keeps the law will be happy. Proverbs 29:18 (BBE)

- Our values give us **priorities** to live with.

All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching, and to fellowship, and to sharing in meals (including the Lord’s Supper), and to prayer. And all the believers met together in one place and shared everything they had. They sold their property and possessions and shared the money with those in need. They worshiped together at the Temple each day, met in homes for the Lord’s Supper, and shared their meals with great joy and generosity— all the while praising God and enjoying the goodwill of all the people. And each day the Lord added to their fellowship those who were being saved. Acts 2:42-47 (NLT)

If our vision doesn’t move us:

- In time we will do what is **easy**.

Our values:

- We **care** about **people**.

36 When he saw the crowds, he felt sorry for them because they were hurting and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Matthew 9:36 (NCV)

We care about people because **God** cares about people.

- Lost people are our **passion**.

For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.” Luke 19:10 (NIV)

- **Encountering** God changes lives.

For where two or three gather together as my followers, I am there among them.” Matthew 18:20 (NLT)

When we meet together it’s an opportunity to:

- Experience **God** for ourselves.

Two things we can work on:

- Don’t be a **distraction** for others.

...I want you to do whatever will help you serve the Lord best, with as few distractions as possible. 1 Corinthians 7:35 (NLT)

When I’m a distraction, I’m taking the **attention** from God.

- Let your **actions** be a positive **example** for others.

12 ...Be an example to all believers in what you say, in the way you live, in your love, your faith, and your purity.

1 Timothy 4:12 (NLT)

12 ...Teach believers with your life: by word, by demeanor, by love, by faith, by integrity. 1 Timothy 4:12 (MSG)

Our example says to others: **Act** as I do.

Our values:

- We choose to be **generous** because it reflects **God**.

GOD’s works are so great, worth A lifetime of study—endless enjoyment! Splendor and beauty mark his craft; His generosity never gives out. Psalm 111:2-3 (MSG)

10 This most generous God who gives seed to the farmer that becomes bread for your meals is more than extravagant with you. He gives you something you can then give away, which grows into full-formed lives, robust in God,

11 wealthy in every way, so that you can be generous in every way, producing with us great praise to God. 2 Corinthians 9:10-11 (MSG)

- We have been **given** so much, so we can **give** so much.

Application Steps:

- Make people your **priority**.
- **Love** those disconnected from God, not judge them.
- Make your encounters with God a **priority** daily.
- Make generosity your expression of **gratitude** to God who is generous with you.



TO CREATIVELY LOVE AND LEAD PEOPLE IN A GROWING RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS.

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Questions that can be used in Connection Groups:

These questions also work well for personal time with God.

What scripture and/or point spoke most to you from the Talk on Sunday? Explain why?

- Do you believe that God will never ask us to do what He will not help us to do? Does that give you courage to reach the lost?
- How important is our vision to you? How should it affect our actions?
- Our values are the “Why” behind the “What” that we do. How do our values shape our actions?
- At the Quest, we care about people. How should our actions show that, especially on Sundays?
- How do we demonstrate that lost people are our passion? How should we demonstrate this?
- Do you believe that experiencing God is important? How does that affect your actions?
- We are a distraction to others when we are distracted ourselves. Why should we be concerned about being a distraction to others?
 - How does our personal behavior influence others? What do you think of this statement: “My example says to others: Act as I do.”? How is your example?
- How does generosity enable us to live out our vision?
- Talk through the application steps. Which of these is most difficult for you to apply to your life?

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