

reconnecting with our DNA 

#### Pivot communicates:

- If something doesn't **change** soon, something **worse** will happen soon.
- The church is only the church God designed it to be when **we** are the people God created us to be.
- Because the pandemic has changed the world, the church is now required to Pivot so we can **reach** the world.
- God's mission in this world **includes you**.
- God's mission through you will reflect God's **love in you**.
- God's mission is about reaching the **lost**.

Therefore, 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's mission for us reminds us:

- We don't accomplish the mission **alone**.
- I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Matthew 28:20 (NLT)

#### The vision is essential for us:

- The vision **unites** us as a church.

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)

- When church becomes just a place we attend, we become **consumers** of an experience rather than participants in the **vision**.

#### Our vision answers two Questions:

- **Why does** the Quest exist?

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

- Our 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)

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)

- Our Vision demands that we **Love** people.

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.

- Our Vision inspires us to **lead** people.

... 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 ourselves.

#### Another question our vision answers is:

- **Why should** the Quest exist?

- The **stakes are high**.

... "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)

#### Why the stakes are high:

- **Time** is short and **eternity** is long.

- People need **Jesus**.

- People need a **Church** like the Quest.

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

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

VISION

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

#### 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?
- In your own words, Why is the vision of the church important to you personally? Why is the vision important to us collectively?
- Do you feel capable to live out this vision with God in you? Explain why that matters.
- Is the vision of the church just a Sunday thing? Do you personally live out the vision Monday through Saturday?
- How (or Why) does the vision motivate you personally?
- What does it mean to you that we need the vision because the "Stakes are high"?
- Who is one person that you could creatively love and lead them in a growing relationship with Jesus?

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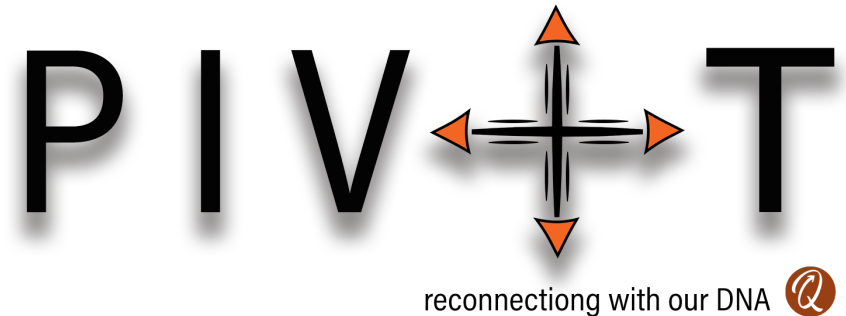
**Sunday March 27th at 12pm**

**In the Quest Great Room**

**Quest Life Meeting** (Business meeting)  
Looking at our future.



Today's Talk..



**“Living Out Our  
Vision”**

**Next Sunday!**

**Newbie  
Lunch**

If you're new to the Quest, we want  
to have lunch with you... really!

**It's Free!**

*Sign up in the courtyard!*

Join us April 3rd for  
our next Newbie Lunch

*This is an informal setting  
that allows us to get to know  
each other.*

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