

VISION SUNDAY
FALL 2016
"What's The Point?"

INTRODUCTION:

1. John Piper in his book *"Let The Nations Be Glad"*

"Missions is not the ultimate goal of the church. Worship is. Missions exists because worship doesn't. Worship is ultimate, not missions, because God is ultimate, not man. When this age is over, and the countless millions of the redeemed fall on their faces before the throne of God, missions will be no more. It is a temporary necessity. But worship abides forever."

2. This is Vision Sunday and it's important that I keep the Vision of Crossroads ever before you.

3. THREE CROSSROADS STATEMENTS:

- 1) Our **Mission** Statement
- 2) Our **Purpose** Statement
- 3) Our **Vision** Statement

I. OUR CROSSROADS VISION STATEMENT

1. **QUESTION:** "What kind of Church do we want to be?"

2. **ANSWER:** "A Church that produces faithful followers of Christ."

3. To glorify Christ is to honor Him through.... What we say; what we do; and how we think.

- a) 1 *Corinthians* 10:31
- b) *Psalms* 86:12
- c) *Romans* 1:5
- d) *Psalms* 34:3

1) "magnify" - means to glorify

4. Two key passages:

- a) **Matthew 22:36-40** - Known as the Great Commandment
- b) **Matthew 28:19-20** - Known as the Great Commission

5. "We believe a Great Commitment, to the Great Commandment and the Great Commission will grow a Great Church"

II. OUR CROSSROADS PURPOSE STATEMENT

A. WE ARE TO LOVE GOD

- *Mark 12:28-31*

1. Through Worship (Expressions of Worship)

a) *Ephesians 5:19*

- 1) Singing

b) *Psalm 95:6*

- 1) Praying

c) *John 17:17*

- 1) Learning the Word

d) *1 Corinthians 16:1-2*

- 1) Through our giving

2. Through Discipleship

a) *2 Peter 3:18*

b) *Acts 2:42*

B. LOVING EACH OTHER

1. FELLOWSHIP

a) Small Group Bible Studies

- 1) *1 John 3:16-17*

- 2) *John 13:35*

- 3) *Acts 2:46*

4) There are 4 primary factors why Small Groups are so powerful.

a. The Relationship Factor

- If you are not in a small group the likelihood of you dropping out of church is high.

b. The Ministry Factor

- Small groups should act as a church within a church.

c. The Teaching Factor

- *Proverbs 27:17*

d. **The Evangelism Factor**

- Praying for people to be saved and inviting them to you small group functions.

b. **SERVICE**

- 1) *1 Corinthians 12:4-5, 27*

C. WE ARE TO LOVE THE WORLD TO CHRIST

1. THROUGH SERVICE

a) **Matthew 5:13-16**

- 1) "His Work, His Way"
- 2) "Trunk or Treat"

2. THROUGH EVANGELISM

a) **Matthew 28:19-20**

- 1) Movie Night - Woodlawn
- 2) Navy Seal - Chad Williams September 25th
- 3) Cowboy Church - Trail Rides
- 4) Harvest America - Greg Laurie
- 5) Personal Evangelism

3. OUR PURPOSE WILL HELP ACCOMPLISH OUR VISION

III. OUR MISSION STATEMENT

1. "To reach Bedford County with the Gospel of Jesus Christ Using Every Means Possible."