

VISION

2016

INTRODUCTION:

1. Here at Crossroads we have 3 Statements that we adhere to.
 - a) Our **Purpose** Statement - *why we exist*
 - b) Our **Mission** Statement - *our broad intentions*
 - c) Our **Vision** Statement - *gives an answer to the problem we face*
2. You develop a vision statement you must ask this question:
 - a) "*What's the problem the church is to address?*"
3. What kind of Church do we want to be? ANSWER: "*A Church that produces faithful followers of Christ.*"

I. OUR PURPOSE STATEMENT (Why we exist)

A. WE ARE TO LOVE GOD

1. **Worship** - (Expressions of Worship) Worship is something we give!!!

a) **Ephesians 5:19**

1) Singing

b) **Psalm 95:6**

1) Praying

c) **John 17:17**

1) A commitment to the truth of God's Word

d) **1 Corinthians 16:1-2**

1) Through giving

2. **Discipleship** - A disciple is a follower, a pupil, or a learner.

a) (True disciples are pupils who heed their teacher's instructions, apply them to their lives, and pass them on to others.)

b) The term disciple is the #1 term in the New Testament for a believer.

c) That's the essence of the "**Believe**" series. (First 10 weeks)

1) *We believe in the Triune God and declare that he is One God.*

2) *We believe God a Personal God and that He cares about our lives.*

3) *We believe that God has provide a way for us to be made right with Him by His Grace.*

- 4) *We agree that God's Word directs our beliefs and actions.*
- 5) *We believe we have significance because of our position in Christ.*
- 6) *We recognize God as the head of the church.*
- 7) *We believe our God loves all people.*
- 8) *We desire to provide compassion to those in need.*
- 9) *We believe God owns it all.*
- 10) *We believe God has provided a place for us to live with him forever.*

d) **2 Peter 3:18**

e) **John 14:23-24**

B. WE ARE TO LOVE EACH OTHER

1. **Fellowship** - Small group Bible studies, Serving together

a) **John 13:35**

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

2. **Service**

a) **1 Corinthians 12:4-7; 27**

C. WE ARE TO LOVE THE WORLD TO CHRIST

1. **Service**

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

b) **Luke 14:12-24** (The parable of the Great Banquet)

2. **Evangelism**

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

II. THE PROBLEM WE FACE

A. CULTURAL COLLAPSE

1. **April 19th** - Rise of Isis

2. **June 26th** - Same Sex Marriage Legalized
3. **July 14th** - Planned Parenthood recorded selling baby body parts
4. **July 15th** - Bruce Jenner - won the "**Arthur Ash Courage Award**" and later became Glamour Magazines "**Woman of the Year**".
5. **August 18th** - It was reported that the Ashley Madison Dating Website for married people was hacked.
 - a) **Their Slogan:** "*Life is short have an affair*"
 - b) I read that over 14,000,000 people a month visit their website seeking an opportunity to break their marriage vows.
6. **October 1st** - 10 people were shot in the head on a College Campus in Oregon for being Christian.
7. **October 16th** - Football Coach Joe Kennedy was dismissed for praying with his players after a game.
8. **Online pornography** is a \$3 billion a year industry
9. **50 Shades of Grey** - is now one of the best-selling books of all time.
10. **Human Trafficking** - is the fastest growing criminal industry in the world.
11. **Hobby Lobby** - persecuted because they didn't want to pay for Obama Care for their employees because of the "post abortion" pill.

B. CHURCHES RESPONSE

1. **Question:** *What are we suppose to do? I feel so inadequate!!!*
2. Christians in the media are portrayed as: bigoted; hateful; and intolerant.
3. Should we get involved in the political landscape? Absolutely!!!
4. We must be the CHURCH!!!
5. I believe in the Sovereignty of God!!!!
 - a) AND I BELIEVE THAT WE ARE BORN FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS.
 - b) **QUESTION:** *What will you do with this TIME?*

6. In times of moral decline you must strengthen your foundation in the LORD!!!

7. Psalm 11

a) Vs 1

1) "In the LORD I take refuge"

a. "refuge" - shelter from danger

2) "How can I say to my soul, Flee like a bird to your mountain"

b) Vs 2

1) "for behold, the wicked **bend the bow**"

2) "they have **fitted their arrow to the string**"

3 "to shoot **in the dark at the upright in heart**"

c) Vs 3

1) "if the **foundations** are destroyed"

2) "what can the righteous do?"