

## VISION - Spring 2023

*"If We Are The Body"*

**1 Corinthians 12:12**

### INTRODUCTION:

#### 1. Wednesday evening Bible Study - "The way of the Master" - June 7<sup>th</sup> 7pm

- 8 Week Course

#### 2. Casting Crowns - *"If We Are The Body"*

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##### ▪ Lyrics

- It's crowded in worship today  
As she slips in  
Trying to fade into the faces
- The girl's teasing laughter  
Is carrying farther than they know  
Farther than they know
- But if we are the body  
Why aren't his arms reaching?  
Why aren't his hands healing?  
Why aren't his words teaching?
- And if we are the body  
Why aren't his feet going?  
Why is his love not showing them  
There is a way, there is a way
- A traveler is far away from home  
He sheds his coat  
And quietly sinks into the back row  
The weight of their judgmental glances  
Tells him that his chances are better out on the road
- But if we are the body  
Why aren't his arms reaching?  
Why aren't his hands healing?  
Why aren't his words teaching?
- And if we are the body  
Why aren't his feet going?  
Why is his love not showing them there is a way

Jesus paid much too high a price  
For us to pick and choose who should come  
And we are the body of Christ

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Why aren't his arms reaching?  
Why aren't his hands healing?  
Why aren't his words teaching?
- And if we are the body  
Why aren't his feet going?  
Why is his love not showing them there is a way?
- Jesus is the way

### 3. **1 Corinthians 12:4-13, 27**

### 4. **Ephesians 1:22-23**

a) *"the fullness of Him"*

### 5. **Colossians 1:18**

## THREE CROSSROADS STATEMENTS

### I. OUR CROSSROADS MISSION STATEMENT

1. A mission statement is a *written declaration* of an organizations **ultimate mission** and goal.

2. Our Mission Statement is: **TO REACH BEDFORD COUNTY WITH THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST USING EVERY MEANS POSSIBLE.**

a) We must now stop and evaluate how we are doing.

### II. OUR CROSSROADS VISION STATEMENT

1. **Matthew 28:19-20**

2. **Acts 1:8**

3. That brings us to **OUR VISION STATEMENT:**

" To Be a Church That *Produces Faithful Followers* of Christ.

4. You get your **VISION STATEMENT** by answering the question: "*What's the Problem.*"

a) **Genesis 3** records the Fall of man into sin.

6. Every Vision is a solution to the problem.

### 7. TWO QUESTIONS:

a) *What is the need or problem my vision addresses?*

b) *What will happen if these needs or problems continue to go unaddressed?*

## 8. 1 Corinthians 10:31

a) "do all to the glory of God"

### III. OUR CROSSROADS PURPOSE STATEMENT

#### 1. TWO KEY PASSAGES:

a) **Mark 12:28-31**

1) The Great Commandment

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

1) The Great Commission

2. **Therefore** - "We believe a Great Commitment to the Great Commandment and the Great Commission will grow a Great Church."

#### A. FIRST - WE ARE TO LOVE GOD

1. We are to **LOVE GOD** with everything we've got.

a) **Mark 12:28-31**

1) "with all your **heart**" - emotions

2) "with all your **soul**" - that's who you are

3) "with all your **mind**" - intellect

4) "with all your **strength**" - physically

2. **Through Worship** (Expressions of Worship) - **John 4:23**

a) **Ephesians 5:19**

1) Singing

a) Psalms - this would be the singing of the Psalms themselves.

b) Hymns - pretty much of what we find in hymnbooks. These are church songs that have withstood the test of time.

c) Spiritual Songs - perhaps referred to as contemporary Christian music.

- These songs can help us express our resolve to love God in joyful praise.

- These songs help us express our desire to love Him more...grieve Him less...and serve Him better.

2) Joyful music flows from Spirit-filled lives in public and in private.

b) **Philippians 4:4-7**

1) Praying - Last Wednesday of every month

2) Individually praying

- c) **John 17:17**
  - 1) Learning the Word

- d) **1 Corinthians 16:1-2**
  - 1) Through our giving

### 3. Through Discipleship

- a) **2 Peter 3:18**

- b) **Acts 2:42**

- c) The term disciple is so clearly defined in Scripture.
  - 1) **Acts 11** - In Antioch the disciples were first called Christians.

- d) **Disciple** - is a learner, pupil, follower
  - 1) **Acts 6:7**
  - 2) **Acts 9:26**
  - 3) **Acts 9:36**

- e) **John 13:34-35**

- a) "by this all people will know that you are my disciples"
- b) "if you have **love for one another**"

## B. SECOND -WE ARE TO LOVE 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 reasons why small groups are so powerful.**

- a. To build **relationships**.
- b. To do **ministry together**.
- c. To **learn together**  
**Proverbs 27:17**
- d. To **evangelize** together

- b) **Service**

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

## **C. FINALLY - WE ARE TO LOVE THE WORLD TO CHRIST**

### **1. THROUGH SERVING**

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

1) "Church Ministries"

### **2. THROUGH EVANGELISM**

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

1) Cowboy Church - Trail Rides

2) Personal Evangelism - Wednesday Nights - "***Way of The Master***"

3) Sportsman's Banquet - Get your tickets!!!

b) ***Luke 14:15-24***

## **CONCLUSION:**

1. Everything we do must fall under one of those categories!!!!

Loving God

Loving Each Other

Loving the World to Christ