

Sermon Title:

“VISION”

Proverbs 29:18 (KJV),

**“Where there is no vision
the people perish: but he
that keepeth the law,
happy is he!”**

**Proverbs 29:18 (NIV),
“Where there is no
revelation, people cast off
restraint; but blessed is the
one who heeds wisdom’s
instruction.”**

Acts 26: 19-20 (NIV)

**19 So then, King Agrippa, I was not
disobedient to the vision from heaven.
20 First to those in Damascus, then to
those in Jerusalem and in all Judea, and
to the Gentiles also, I preached that they
should repent and turn to God and prove
their repentance by their deeds.”**

WHO WE ARE (Our “Vision”)

**In response to God’s
extravagant love towards us,
we purpose to take “The
Gospel” to the greater Wichita
area and the world.**

WHAT WE DO (Our “Mission”)

- To develop active, intentional Christ followers who: **REACH OUT** to people “outside the family” of God.
- To **RAISE THEM UP** to be “Christ-like”.
- To **RELEASE THEM** to “serve” in Jesus’ name.

HOW WE DO IT (Our "Action Plan")

- Reach out to "the lost"; those who don't know Christ as Savior.
- Each one "teach one".
- Be sensitive to "God opportunities"

RAISE THEM UP TO BE CHRISTLIKE:

- Find 30 minutes each day to spend with God
 - Bible reading
 - Prayer & meditation
- Family devotions
- Get connected with other Christ-followers

RAISE THEM UP TO BE CHRISTLIKE:

- Prepare yourself for worship
 - Come prepared to sing to our Lord
 - Prepare your mind to listen to God's Word
 - Prepare your heart to give financially to carry out Christ's Kingdom work
- Spend quality family time
- Date your mate

RELEASE THEM TO SERVE IN JESUS' NAME:

- Serve in and outside the church
- PUTTING "HIM" FIRST, NOT "ME"!!
- HIT A "HOME RUN" EVERY SUNDAY!!
(Put Our Best Foot Forward)
- "WHY"? Because it's "The Lord's Day"! (He deserves our best!)
- "WHY"? Because it's, "often, our only shot at 1st time visitors"!

HOW TO.....

"SHARE YOUR FAITH":

**3 PRACTICAL STEPS TO
"ENGAGE OTHERS"
WITH THE GOSPEL**

**BUSTING "THE MYTHS" ABOUT
SHARING YOUR FAITH**

**"PEOPLE AREN'T OPEN TO
HEARING ABOUT JESUS!" That's false!
Most people believe in a higher power
and "are open" to listening to someone
talk about their Christian beliefs.**

**BUSTING "THE MYTHS" ABOUT
SHARING YOUR FAITH**

**"EVANGELISM IS RESERVED FOR
PEOPLE WITH OUTGOING
PERSONALITIES!" That's, also, false!
God has "called and equipped"
everyone in His family to share the
Good News.**

**BUSTING "THE MYTHS" ABOUT
SHARING YOUR FAITH**

**"EVANGELISM IS SOMETHING
WE DO!" That's, not true either!
It's deeper than just "actions"; it's
who we are "called" to be!**

**HOW TO SHARE YOUR FAITH:
1 Begin by PRAYING
CONSISTENTLY!**

1 Timothy 2:1 (NIV)

**I urge, then, first of all, that
petitions, prayers,
intercession, and thanksgiving
be made for all people."**

**Pick 5 unbelieving
friends and pray for
them on a regular basis!**

**HOW TO SHARE YOUR FAITH:
1 Begin by PRAYING
CONSISTENTLY!
2 Learn to SPEAK WITHOUT
WORDS by serving!**

Matthew 5:16 (NIV),
“In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds, and glorify your Father in Heaven.”

Look for opportunities to help in practical ways. Begin with being kind, and then look for opportunities to help in practical ways.

HOW TO SHARE YOUR FAITH:
1 Begin by **PRAYING CONSISTENTLY!**
2 Learn to **SPEAK WITHOUT WORDS** by serving!
3 **SPEAK UP** when the time is right!

Colossians 4:5-6 (NIV),
“Be wise in the way you act towards outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer anyone.”

Talking about God can be “intimidating”, but when we commit to praying and serving, God will “show up” and tell us “what we need to say”.

He may lead you to:

- Tell them you are a Christian
- Ask about their spiritual beliefs
- Invite a friend to church
- Share your faith story — “how” and “why” you follow Jesus
- Share the Good News about Jesus
- Ask them if they’d like to become a Christian

