

# Vision Sunday

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## Where we've been

- 5 moves in 5 years
- Lots of mistakes
- Started doing only thing I knew to do, but God had another plan
- The one thing that has not changed “Life on Life Discipleship”
  - Discipleme was birthed (obedience based discipleship)
  - **Joshua 1:6-9** (NLT) “Be strong and courageous, for you are the one who will lead these people to possess all the land I swore to their ancestors I would give them. 7 Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the instructions Moses gave you. Do not deviate from them, turning either to the right or to the left. Then you will be successful in everything you do. 8 Study this Book of Instruction continually. Meditate on it day and night so you will be sure to obey everything written in it. **Only then** will you prosper and succeed in all you do. 9 This is my command—be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged. For the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.”

## Where We Are

- We have moved from a rented facility back to the home. (Back to where we began “A Do Over”)

## Why We Are Doing This

- The Purpose of The Church – (All Christians to grow and use their gifts to build the Kingdom)
  - **Ephesians 2:19-22** Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, 20 having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone, 21 in whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, 22 in whom you also are **being built together** for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.
  - **Romans 12:3-8** For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith. 4 For as we have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function, 5 so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another. 6 Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, let us prophesy in proportion to our faith; 7 or ministry, let us use it in our ministering; he who teaches, in teaching; 8 he who exhorts, in exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness.
  - **Ephesians 4:11-16** And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, 12 for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ,
  - *EQUIPPING - kă-tăr-tē-smo's : complete furnishing, prepare (someone) mentally for a particular situation or task*

- 13 till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ; 14 that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting, 15 but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ— 16 from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.

## Today's Average Church

- Church is a group of people that work together every day to build the kingdom, NOT hanging out 1/5 hours on a Sunday
- Church is joint participation of ALL members to engage the great commission NOT a few hired / qualified people putting on a show on Sunday.
  - In America we sit back and judge the performance of the hired people and call that church
- The average church spends 82% of the budget on Buildings / Utilities / Insurance, according a study from the Evangelical Christian Credit Union. Local and national benevolence receives 1 percent of the typical church budget.
- Consumerism has permeated the church and we wonder why we are dead?
- Today's church sits outside the harvest

## Where We Are Going (by God's Grace)

- Engaging the great commission
  - **Matthew 28:18-20** And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.
    - We are not here in our own authority
    - We do not operate in our own abilities
    - We are being obedient to what Christ has commanded
  - 19 **Go** therefore and make disciples of all the nations,
    - Go Not Come – We all will be trained to share the gospel
    - We will all understand our gifts and be challenged to operate in them
  - baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,
    - Each person trained and ready to baptize those who come to the faith
  - 20 teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you;
    - Each person trained to disciple the found
    - Not just learning but observing / Doing ALL things the Christ commanded
  - and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” Amen
    - When we love Jesus and are obedient Christ will be in our midst
- Port Saint Lucie As Our Mission Field
  - Are you a missionary? If you were what would that look like?
  - What is your part?
    - Pray daily for personal vision
    - What is your gift? (Don't know take a gifts test <http://www.spiritualgiftstest.com/>)
    - Look for opportunities every day to share the gospel (Cable Guy)

- Mid-Week Bible Study to Change into outreach mode
- Looking for missional ideas for outreach into the harvest
- Calvary Fellowship in the future (Church in a home in every neighborhood)
  - Train up Teachers / Pastors (Daniel & Josh) 4 teachers per church
  - Train up worship leaders (Job & Gaetone)
  - Train up administrators (Henry)
  - Train up everyone
    - Everyone Active, (in the great commission)
    - Everyone Equipped, (in their spiritual gift)
    - Everyone Inspired, (by the Holy Spirit & the Word of God)
    - Everyone Obedient, (to the instructions of Christ)
    - Everyone Unified (in the faith for the building of the kingdom)
- Until No Place Left
 

Romans 15:23 But now having no more place in these parts, (Eastern Roman Empire) and having a great desire these many years to come unto you;

### Our Motivation

- Because we love Jesus (duty vs intimacy)
- Accountability – Edification
  - Eph 4:12 for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ,
  - Edification: (the act of) building, building up
  - Reminding one another to stay focused on building the kingdom. Christ centered NOT me or achievement centered.

### Calvary Fellowship Vision

- **Train up everyone**
  - Everyone **A**ctive, (in the great commission)
  - Everyone **E**quipped, (in their spiritual gift)
  - Everyone **I**nspired, (by the Holy Spirit & the Word of God)
  - Everyone **O**bedient, (to the instructions of Christ)
  - Everyone **U**nified (in the faith for the building of the kingdom)