

I. INTRODUCTION – VISION SERIES

3 Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into His hands, and that He had come from God and was going to God, 4 rose from supper and laid aside His garments, took a towel and girded Himself. John 13:3-4

- A. CFG as a congregation is stepping into a season of growth and a time of gathering together under a planned, intentional agreed upon vision for this congregation.
- B. A common vision with common values clarifies our purpose and mission before God and man. We want to identify this common vision, values, purpose and mission and begin walking in our calling from God as a local congregation.
- C. Vision will set the course of our identity, remind us of where we have come from and reveal to us God's plan for our future.
- D. Vision will contain our values, show us our purpose and mission, and release the grace of Holy Spirit as we align with God's plan for us.
- E. Any vision cannot go beyond what Jesus left for us in his word, and will only be empowered by Holy Spirit as we align with and obey God's word.
- F. We have previously talked about heart standards or heart values. Though they will continue to serve us well, they do not comprise a full vision plan for CFG. They are the values by which our family culture operates but do not fully describe our vision (why) behind our mission (what).
 - 1. *Hosting God's Presence: Valuing God and His Nature*
 - 2. *Consistent, Persistent Prayer: Valuing Communion With God*
 - 3. *Happy Holiness: Valuing Christlike Character*
 - 4. *Generosity of Spirit: Valuing the Second Commandment as much as the First*
 - 5. *Spirit-filled, Spirit led life: Valuing Our Mission As Inspired by Holy Spirit*
- G. I am not here to promise you a big bold vision to make you happy, I am here to call you to engage in the Christian life you have thought of many times but have struggled to touch.

II. WHOLEHEARTEDLY, WILLINGLY, INTENTIONALLY & PASSIONATELY DEVOTED TO JESUS – LUKE 10: 27-28, 38-42

27 So he answered and said, “ ‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind,...” 28 And He said to him, “You have answered rightly; do this and you will live.” Luke 10:27-28 [Matt. 22:37-38; Mark 12:30-31]

- A. The first key element of our vision is a ***wholehearted, willing, intentional, passionate*** pursuit of the Trinity – Father, Son (Jesus) and Holy Spirit.

1. Get used to those words – wholehearted, willing, intentional and passionate – I will use them a lot in the next few weeks.
- B. God’s love comes to us freely and without limits. It is His love that enables us to return that love back to him. We love him back with His love but it comes from our cup!
- We love Him because He first loved us. 1John 4:19***
- C. As I have said many times before, His love comes with specific ingredients or properties in it. We can’t change that. The moment His love enters us by the agent of Holy Spirit, it activates a process by which we transform and change. Holy Spirit takes the love of God and works it into our lives.
- D. Jesus in this moment of human history is working in His church, His body, putting the First Commandment back into first place.
1. ***You shall love the Lord your God...***(His promise to work in our lives)
 2. ***With all your heart...***(the core of your spirit made alive by Holy Spirit)
 3. ***With all your soul...***(mind, will, emotions undivided and focused)
 4. ***With all your strength...***(your time, money, skills, strength, wisdom, etc)
 5. ***With all your mind...***(mental willful capacity under Holy Spirit guidance)
- E. Yet so many today would see that call and feel as if they have failed and don’t know how to follow that call.
- F. Jesus knows what he can produce in us if we just say Yes!
- G. Jesus calls us into a type of love that can only be empowered by Holy Spirit. What was Jesus’ love like?
- 9 “As the Father loved Me, I also have loved you; abide in My love. John 15:9***
1. Wholehearted – nothing held back, fully in...
 2. Willing – prepared to act
 3. Intentional – deliberately done on purpose
 4. Passionate – strong feelings or beliefs carried and expressed with deep emotional energy

III. THE FRUIT

- A. What is the fruit from individuals and a congregation of wholehearted, willing, intentional and passionate people who love Jesus? They become a:

1. Worshipping people.
2. Praying people.
3. Joyful happy people.
4. Satisfied people.
5. Powerful people.
6. Zealous people.
7. People who commune/fellowship with Jesus and give him time.
8. People who love His word and promises, and keep them.
9. Upward (God) focused and outward (people) focused