

The Vision of Hillcrest Church
Matthew 28:16-20, Acts 1:8, 2:42-47

Before covid made its appearance we had been working on our vision statement. This discussion came to a screeching halt when the virus appeared, which caused us to meet remotely for one year. It's time to revisit the vision we formulated and reacquaint ourselves with the purpose for which we exist. Without a vision people perish!

**To Pursue a Transformative relationship
with Jesus Christ by:**

1. EXALTING GOD'S NAME IN _____,
Mat 28:16-17

- A. The first reaction of the disciples was to worship Jesus
- B. The primary purpose of God's people is to worship the Triune God
- C. Jesus is Lord – exalt his name

REFLECTION QUESTION

Am I exalting the name of Jesus through my _____?

2. EXTENDING GOD'S WORD IN _____,
Mat 28:18-19

- A. The most important word in missions is "GO"
- B. The people of God are empowered for mission
- C. The people of God are the witnesses of Jesus, Acts 1:8

REFLECTION QUESTION

Am I purposefully _____ Jesus to other people?

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3. EQUIPPING GOD'S PEOPLE IN _____,
Mat 28:19

- A. The disciple (*mathetes*) is a learner, student of Jesus
- B. The disciple of Jesus studies God's word
- C. The disciple of Christ imitates / studies Jesus

REFLECTION QUESTION

Am I _____ my life after Jesus?

4. EDIFYING GOD'S PEOPLE IN _____,
Mat 28:19-20

- A. The life of a disciple is a life of service, Mark 10:45
- B. The disciple of Jesus has spiritual gifts
- C. The purpose of ministry is to build the body of Christ

REFLECTION QUESTION

Am I serving the Lord in some _____?

5. ENCOURAGING GOD'S PEOPLE IN _____,
Mat 28:19-20

- A. We are baptized into a community of believers
- B. We are part of God's family
- C. We are to sow into each other's lives

REFLECTION QUESTION

Do I have _____ relationships
with other believers?

ANSWERS: Worship, Lifestyle, Mission, Representing, Discipleship, Modeling, Ministry, Capacity, Fellowship, meaningful.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Why is it important for a church to have a vision statement?
2. Why is it important to have a vision for our own lives?
3. Do you think God is a visionary? Why or why not?
4. What does it mean to worship the Lord?
5. How does a Christian live “on mission” or “missionally” for the Lord?
6. What is a disciple of Jesus?
7. Why is it important for followers of Jesus to serve in their church?
8. How do spiritual gifts apply to serving the Lord in your church?
9. Why is fellowship important for believers?
10. What is your takeaway from this teaching?

Welcome

To

Hillcrest Church!

*Love, Acceptance,
Forgiveness!*

*Where there is no vision,
the people perish*

Pro 29:18 (KJV)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

Give thanks to the Lord and enjoy your holiday! For those of you who are traveling be safe and be blessed.

NOVEMBER 23rd – BIBLE STUDY

The Wednesday night Bible study at 6:30 is cancelled due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

NOVEMBER 27TH – ADVENT SEASON BEGINS

The first Sunday in the Advent season, which is when we begin the countdown to our Christmas Eve service at 7pm.

NOVEMBER 27th – DECORATE THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS

Snacks and beverages will be served as we set up the tree and other decorations around the church after our service.

UPDATING OUR DIRECTORY FOR 2023

We would like to see everyone included in our Hillcrest church directory. There is a form at the information station in back of the sanctuary that you can fill out.

ONLINE GATHERINGS: TIME CHANGE IN 2023

Tuesday Prayer at 7:00pm, Wednesday Bible Study at 6:30pm
Go to the online meeting room on our website (hillcrestRoseville.com) to access the gathering.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Our offering box is in the back of the sanctuary. You can place your tithes and offerings there, or you can visit our website and give online (hillcrestroseville.com).

NO SERVICE CHRISTMAS DAY

Christmas Eve is Saturday night, so there will be no Sunday morning Christmas Day service.

YEAR END GIVING TO THE GREAT COMMISSION FUND (GCF)

As we come to the end of 2022 we are mindful of the importance of supporting all our missionaries through the GCF. Would you consider a generous year end offering to the GCF. You can designate "GCF" in the memo of your check.

YEAR END GIVING TO THE BUILDING FUND

Please consider giving generously to our building fund, which helps pay for our remodeling projects on the facility. We have made great progress upgrading our building because we had the funds to pay for the materials.

OPERATION ANGEL TREE – CIRBY SCHOOL

We have an opportunity to bless some the kids at Cirby school by giving them Christmas presents. These are kids of prison families that will not have much of a Christmas. At the small tree in the back, pick a name, get some presents and bring them back to church on **Sunday, December 11th**. Make sure you label the package with the kids name and put a card on the package with your name on it so they know who gave them the gifts.

DECEMBER 6th – "SEEK" A DISTRICT PRAYER EVENT

The Central Pacific District is having a night of prayer, which can be attended in person at the Pointe Church (8155 Watt Ave, Antelope) or remotely. The Facebook link is (<https://www.facebook.com/cpdistrict>), and the district webpage is (<https://cpdistrict.org>). A zoom link will be available as we come closer to the event.