

"Vision" Church Alignment Series February 24, 2019

- **VISION** answers the question "<u>WHO</u> do we want to be?" We want to: Be a growing, biblical community of disciples, equipped for and engaged in the mission of Christ.
- MISSION answers the question "HOW will we become who we want to be?" We will be who God wants us to be by: Passionately LOVING God and genuinely LOVING people.

We believe our vision statement expresses our desire to be a Christ-Centered Church. What does it mean to be a Christ-Centered Church:

1. We are a Church of DISCIPLES.

James 2:19

- a. We are <u>GROWING</u> in our faith. Luke 17:5, Acts 6:5
- b. We are grounded in the <u>BIBLE</u>. Matthew 4:4, Colossians 3:16
- c. We are connected in <u>COMMUNITY</u>. Acts 2:46
- 2. We are a Church on MISSION.

Luke 19:10, Mark 2:17

- a. A missional Church is an <u>EQUIPPED</u> Church. Ephesians 4:11-12, Proverbs 27:17
- b. A missional Church is an <u>ENGAGED</u> Church. Matthew 28:19-20

Let's answer the question now about how we will do this. How will we become a Christ-centered Church?

- 3. We are a Church *in* <u>LOVE</u>. John 3:16, 1 John 4:8, Mark 12:30-31
 - a. We are in love with <u>GOD</u>. Ephesians 5:22-33, John 17:26
 - b. We are in love with <u>PEOPLE</u>. John 14:34, 1 Corinthians 13:2-3

Today's Call to Action:

- Commit to praying for our church body that we will be a Christ-Centered Church. And recognize that in order for our church to live out this vision and mission, it begins with us-with me, and with you on a personal level.
- Continue to pray for this transition. As a reminder, official members vote on our recommended amendment next week at our business meeting on Sunday, March 3.