

FIVE YEARS, SAME VISION

Revelation 7.9-17

MISSION SHIFT

We drift. We get off course. When we are not intentionally and regularly keeping track of where we are going and what we are called to do, we will start to wander. As a church, and as individuals, we must be careful to make sure we are not only charting our course, but that our course is the *right* course. Our vision (why we do what we do), mission (what we're doing), and strategy (how we are going to do it) must not be from us, but from God's Word. The best place to look is to see what *God's* goal is, so we look to the end of the book.

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The end goal of God is that He would gather for Himself a people from all nations, that He would be their God, be glorified among them and enjoyed by them, for all eternity.

YOUR LIFE MISSION

John 20.19-22

**Jesus was sent to save.
You were saved to be sent.**

The church is God's missions organization on the earth. If you have been saved into His church, you have been saved into a life of mission. But too many of us are content putting in the are minimum, rather than living our lives maximally for the mission. Many of us are like the disciples in this room: afraid, hidden away.

HOW DO WE ALIGN OUR HEARTS?

We must first become convinced that the Gospel itself needs to be our fuel. We must be convinced that the Gospel alone is the power of God unto salvation, and that the Gospel alone will be the strength, weapon, and defense of the church.

1 Corinthians 15.1-11

**The cross is not an event to leave,
nor a starting line, but it is the path itself.**
-Kyle Strobel

To align ourselves with the vision that God has for His church, we must be committed to both the mission that He has for the church, as well as the ways, the strategy, that He has given us to accomplish this great eternal vision.

NOTES:

This Week's Scripture to Memorize:

Romans 8:1

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

ARE YOU NEW HERE?

WELCOME TO LIFE MISSION!

We'd love for you to **fill out a Connection Card** so we can welcome you and answer any questions you may have. You can drop it in the offering basket during the service or take it to one of our teammates at the **Connection Booth** outside. Feel free to grab some coffee and snacks in the courtyard and hang out. We hope you'll **join us next Sunday** and consider making us your church family.

WHAT ABOUT THE KIDS?

Our childrens' ministry, which we call **Kids on Mission**, has classes for **newborns - 5th grade**. We have a great team of volunteers who have all been screened with background checks for extra security. Each week your child will get to **worship** with their class, followed by an **age-appropriate lesson** that points them towards Jesus and helps root them in the Word of God.

Visit our website to read more about the vision of Kids on Mission and a walkthrough of our curriculum. If you have any questions, email **Katie McGinty** at katie@lifemission.tv

JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL

Our **6th - 8th graders** begin each Sunday by **worshiping with the adults** and then head to their classroom with their teacher and classmates for the rest of service. Visit our website to read more about our junior high ministry and a walkthrough of our curriculum.

Our **9th-12th graders** stay in the service with the adults because we believe that it is crucial for them to not "graduate the faith" when they graduate high school. Our **mid-week High School Ministry meets once a month** here at Classical Academy, in the Study Hall. Email **Casey Barnes** at casey@lifemission.tv for info about meeting dates/times or questions about our student ministries.

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COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

Before your group starts, is there anyone who can share the **Memory Verse**?

Read **Revelation 7.9-17**. What stands out to you in this passage, and what stuck out to you most from the sermon on Sunday? _____

Now read **John 20.19-22**. This is right after Jesus died, and before He gave them the Great Commission. Considering this and the previous **Revelation** passage together, as well as the Great Commission (**Matthew 28.18-20**), what connections do you see with God's end goal, and the means by which He has planned to accomplish it? _____

Preaching the Gospel to Yourself

Read **1 Corinthians 15.1-11**. How do all these Scriptures point you back to Christ to help you prioritize as you chart the course of your life? What particular truth can help keep you focused on the Gospel? _____

Repent and Confess

What do you see in these verses that expose a particular sin or behavior in your life? Are you acting more like the scared disciples? Are like the analogy in the sermon, are you charting the course more like a raft, drifting, or a speed boat, carving your own agenda? _____

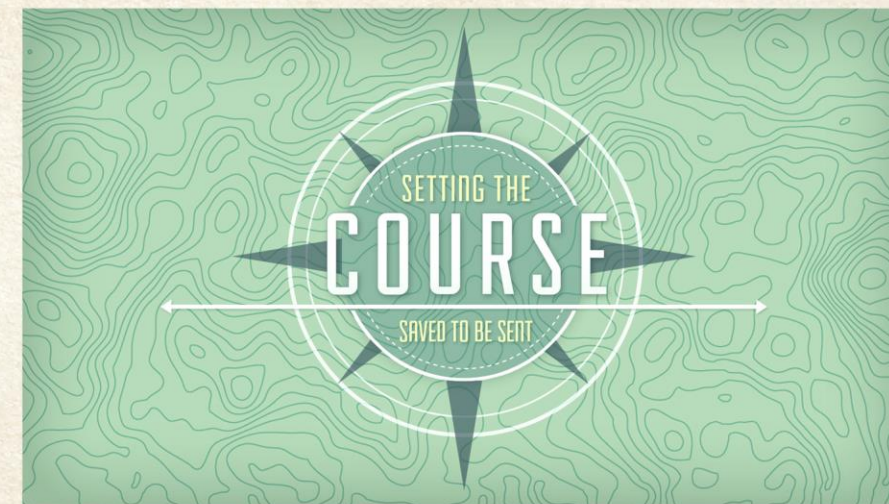
Ask for Provision

In light of this truth and confession, what do you need to ask for from the Lord? What fruit of the Spirit are you needing? _____

Your Life Mission

Before you close the group with prayer, what opportunities are coming up that you could use prayer for as it pertains to sharing your faith and intentionally engaging with others with a Gospel focus and goal? As you chart the course for 2018, are there people among the "least, last, lost" in your life that you want to be particularly pursuing in prayer and in practice? Are there any encouragements or updates from the Christmas holiday that you could share? _____

End the evening in a time of prayer, praying through the theme of the night using the **P.R.A.Y.** model with your group. Make sure to end your time of prayer **Yielding with Thanksgiving** for God's sovereignty and plan for your life.



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