



VISION 2020 “GO & Multiply Rapidly”

Acts 1:1-11

February 22, 2015

THE CHALLENGE: A Renewed Vision - Transformation

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The CRITERIA: **GO** Share the Love of Christ with Everyone Everywhere

THE CALL – A DNA Shift: A Call to **GO** & Multiply Rapidly
Share with Others (Invite Them to Come)

Heart for the Lost (A Burden)

Available & Aware to Lost People Around You

Ready For the Lord to Use You

Excited About Others Coming to Christ

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3. I Can GO (Mission Trips)
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 - A Tract
 - The ABC's, Roman Road, etc.
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TEAMS TO CONNECT WITH

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- ✓ Mississippi Team
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OUR CONTRIBUTION & COMMITMENT

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- ✓ Commit to Praying Every Day for Vision 2020
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- ✓ Take the Next Step Up and Commit to Serve on One of the 4 Teams: Connect / Grow / Commit / Go Teams
- ✓ Take Your Next Step Up on the Generosity Ladder
First Time ➔ Occasional ➔ Intentional ➔ Tithing ➔ Extravagant

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February 22, 2015 AM Service

The Challenge – A Renewed Vision – Transformation

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It firsts start with our transformation in every area of our lives. This is the prerequisite and the requirement before we can do anything.

Once we allow the Lord to do this transformational work in our lives then the Lord can begin to use us to be a conduit, a vehicle through which He can move in the lives of people so their lives transformed as well!

The Criteria

- ✓ **Connect** Yourself & Others to Christ and the Church
- ✓ **Grow** In a Deeping Relationship with Christ
- ✓ **Commit** Your Time and Resources to Serve Christ & Others
- ✓ **Go** Share the Love of Christ With Everyone Everywhere
- ✓ **Resources**
- ✓ **Praying** for leaders for each of these teams

The Call – A DNA Shift

- ✓ A Call to Connect Deeply
- ✓ A Call To Grow Deeper
- ✓ **A Call to Commit Sacrificially**
- ✓ **A Call to Multiply Rapidly**

The Chart – A Transformation Journey

It's a process – it designates movement – We are never called to stand still – we are called to mature, to grow in our walk and as we do that we share the love of Christ with others and then help them walk that same path.

GO

Excuses We Take Let's be honest this morning ok!

- ✓ I don't have time
- ✓ I don't know how to
- ✓ I don't see the need to
- ✓ People do not want to hear
- ✓ I haven't been a Christian long enough
- ✓ I don't know any lost people
- ✓ I am afraid
- ✓ I don't want to
- ✓ People don't care
- ✓ People will not respond

ILLUS: One reason is because we believe the myth that people aren't interested in spiritual issues. Nothing could be further from the truth. Every single poll and every single survey says Americans are more interested in spiritual things now than they were ten years ago. Not less, but more interested in spiritual issues. I read this week that George Gallup did a survey and discovered that 65 million Americans have no church home, but 34 million of them said they would attend if somebody would just invite them. 34 million just waiting for an invitation!

S.H.A.R.E.

Share with Others (Invite Them to Come) Invite – ask, call request, witness

Heart for the Lost (A Burden) Disturbed & bothered by those who don't know

Available & Aware to Lost People Around You

Ready Ask the Lord to Use You & Responsibility

Excited About Others Coming to Christ **Eager** **enthusiastic** (willing) A stretch for many of us. Oh we are excited about many things (football season), but what about sharing the greatest news of all time?

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Steps We Need To Take

✓ Be Praying

- For ourselves first to have a burden for those who are lost
- For Those Who Are Without a Relationship With Christ
- For Opportunities to Share Christ

✓ Be Learning

- How to Share Your Faith – Answer Tract, ABC', Roman Road, (How To Lead Your Child to Christ Class)
- How to Share Your Testimony

✓ Be a Witness

Notice he doesn't say, "You will be my defense attorney." or my prosecutor." or "my salesman." You don't have to defend God. You don't have to be a salesman for God. **All God wants you to do is He wants you to be a witness.** What is a witness? A witness is somebody who just tells what they have seen. I saw this, and then I saw this; and this is what happened. And a witness tells what happened to them. You see, you are the expert on your life. **Nobody can be a better witness of what God has done in your life than you,** because you are the authority on your life, not some pastor, not some priest, not anybody else. So God says, "I just want you to tell other people what's happened to you, what's happened in your life." **Write their names down**

- Share Christ with My Family
- Share Christ with My Friends
- Share Christ with my Co-Workers
- Share Christ with My Classmates
- Share Christ with Connection Visits
- Share Christ with Those Who Are Different Than you
- Share Christ With the Whole World (Pray, Give, and Go)

✓ Be Willing to Make an Invitation

- To a Worship Service and even Sunday School Small Group
- To our Friendship Connection Sunday – November 1st

- To a Special Event (Fall Family Festival 4th Family Celebration, VBS, Christmas, etc.)
- To a Person Who Needs a Connection Visit

“The eternal salvation of a single soul is more important than anything else you will ever achieve in your life.” It will last for eternity!
Rick Warren Purpose Driven Life

Somebody might say “Isn't our church getting big enough?” “But we don't grow for our benefit. We grow because everybody needs Jesus, because people need the Lord. See, the wrong question is, “How big should we get?” The right question is, “Should anybody be left behind?” The answer is no! The church that doesn't want to grow and reach out is basically saying to the world, “You can go to hell.” And when you don't ever share your faith, you are saying to the world, “You can go to hell. Beats me. I’m in. Best of luck to you.”

Is anybody going to be in heaven because of you? When you get to heaven, is anybody going to say thank you, thank you for telling me the Good News? You knew it and you didn't keep it a secret. You passed it on. In the next 365 days, 2.4 million Americans will die, and most of them will go into eternity without Jesus Christ. In the next 365 days, 54 million people in the world will die; most of them will go into eternity without Jesus Christ. Those numbers are almost too difficult for me to bear. If we care, we must share.

The most dangerous prayer you can pray is "God use me." I dare you to say it. Do you have enough courage to say, "God use my life"? Watch what happens! Little becomes much when you put it in the Master's hand.

ILLUS: From Cultivating a Life for God by Neil Cole

Reflects on the harvest this way (John 4:35 – fields are white unto harvest”) – who has been added “new in the community, no mostly people that have been here who had yet to respond. Still lots more!

- If we can’t see them, we won’t love them (Matthew 9:36)
- If we can’t love them, we won’t pray for them (Matthew 9:36-38)
- If we can’t pray for them, we won’t win them (Matthew 10:1)
- If we can’t win them, we won’t send them (Matthew 10:2-5)

MINISTRIES ALIGNED

We want every ministry to line up under the vision and every ministry sees where it falls and how it helps to fulfill the vision. We are all on the same page and understand that any ministry we are involved with and in needs to fall under this Vision. So what falls under this particular part of the Vision. Let's see...

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All this will come together on Today and Sunday, March 1st we will have our 3rd Annual Ministry/Missions Fair but this one will be bigger than all the others combined. And also March 1st will be our Commitment/Generosity Sunday where we will commit to Vision 2020 our time, resources, and financial commitments and we will bring the 1st ones on that day. Then that night we will come back and celebrate the outcome. It's going to be a huge day!