

## Vision Fall 2018      Part 3: Reach Out

Remember, small groups are primarily for growing closer relationships with other believers. We can learn wonderful things in this environment but keep relationships first.

- **This week: Reach Out**
  - A real relationship with the Living God is a call to ACTION!
    - Is everything fine just the way it is or does the world need to change?
    - God's plan is for His people to be the agents of change in a broken world!
    - My simple plan: Brothers and Sisters, first stop breaking stuff! Then start helping fix stuff!!
- **Matthew 7:13-14**
  - This is true of BOTH eternal life and abundant life.
    - Do you know someone on the wide road? Stuck in a miserable or pointless life and headed toward a terrible eternity? Anyone love someone like that?
  - God's people are the agents of change in a broken world.
    - Evangelism. 49 hands up in the last 2 weeks. Wow.
    - Ministries of love and compassion. FMSC and GWOH! Etc.
- **Matthew 20:20-28**
  - Jesus never criticized James and John for wanting to be great. Why not?
    - Jesus redefined greatness as great service to others.
  - You are called to be a great blessing to those who know you!
  - You are called to do great things for the Kingdom of God! Maybe those things will be noticed, maybe not!
- **John 14:12**
  - If you have faith in Jesus, you will do what Jesus did. What did Jesus do?
  - Which of these can we do?
    - All but die for the sins of the world!
    - Jesus says we will do greater things!!! WOW!!
      - Well, he fed the 5,000. FMSC just did 100,000!
      - Greater in quantity for sure if we are all praying in faith!
- Some practical things we are doing:
  - As a church:
    - New Vision – Child Sponsorship and Farmer Sponsorship!
      - Lots of Missions work. India...
    - Morgan Park – One Year Anniversary this Sunday!!
      - I see more campuses coming! (Why?)
    - Small Groups – No one should be alone in this battle.
      - Can't find a good one? Start one!!
    - And the ministries of the church!
  - Through individuals and partnerships:
    - FMSC and GWOH, Young Life, Mttummies ☺, Wood City Music Fest and Wood City Worship, Etc!!
- We are to do what Jesus did and Jesus came to serve. **Matthew 20:26-28 (again)**
  - I don't believe there are stagnant Christians.
  - I think there are growing Christian and digressing Christians.
    - Growing is fulfilling and full of joy. Digressing is boring and emotionally painful.
- We've got a limited time to get the job done and we have powerful forces against us. (The enemy and a world that has strayed from God for starters!)
- So: Turn to God. Be growing. Bring some good into this world!
- Pray for each other before you finish up!