

Small Group/Sermon Notes for Vision 2017 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.

- Make sure everyone knows each other's names. Have everyone share a little about themselves and how life is going right now.
- **Vision Part 3: Reach Out**
 - A real relationship with the Living God is a call to action.
- **Luke 4:14-21**
 - Has that been accomplished? No more poor, prisoners, blind, or oppressed?
 - Nope. So, how was this going to happen?
 - Jesus was building a church to accomplish this! **Matthew 16:13-20.**
 - We are the hands and feet of Jesus. This is our call now.
- The harvest is still plentiful! **Matthew 9:35-38**
 - Where in your life or in this world do you see that the harvest is still plentiful?
- There is still hate. That means we have work to do.
 - Hate feeds hate. Love overcomes. (not codependent enabling but Christ like)
 - Overcome evil with good. **Romans 12:17-21**
 - So what is our response to evil? We overcome!
 - Love your enemies. **Matthew 5:43-44**
- Jesus is our Savior. What did he come to save us from?
 - Two things: Hell, and a pointless and/or miserable life.
 - Receive the forgiveness of God, be born again, escape destruction and live a new life!
 - The struggle to do something worth doing.
 - Bored with life? Serving God isn't boring!!
- How do you find your specific calling?
 - Well, when it comes to the church or society, what do you think "they" should do? What do "they" need to change?
 - You're not called to whine about it, you are called to change it!
 - Dave Williams' three legged stool: spiritual, practical, attitudinal.
 - Life on the bench is boring.
 - If you "aren't getting fed" then you need to get in the game!
 - Problem: if you don't have all three legs you won't have success.
- Jesus cares about the poor. Jesus cares about the prisoners. Jesus cares about the blind. Jesus cares about the oppressed.
 - I'm glad Good hope has grown over that last few years. That's neat.
 - We aren't called to have a nice little church.
 - We are called to live out and bring to others: the good news, freedom, vision/wisdom, and empowerment through Christ!
 - The Church is the hands and feet of Jesus. We are the ones to make a difference. Embrace that.
 - What do you need to grow in? Spiritual things? Practical skills? Attitude?
 - Let's ask God to reveal our needs and help us so that we can do our part.
- Pray for each other before you finish up!