

Our Vision for Faith EFC

Introduction: This past Sunday we took a break from our study on the Sermon on the Mount to talk about our vision for Faith EFC. Broadly speaking, we believe that our mission is to help people come to faith in Christ and then experience Him in all of life. This is the heart of the Great Commission found in Matthew 28:18-20. This is our reason for existing. Our current vision is really an expression of the things that we believe we need to pursue at this time in our history as a church to more effectively live out our mission.

Opening Discussion: Share an example of a time when you adapted and made lifestyle changes to pursue something that you believed to be worthwhile.

1. What was your reaction to what Steve shared on Sunday?

The following five areas represent priorities for us to pursue as a church:

A Culture of Welcome and Acceptance

We desire to welcome and accept fellow believers and non-believers—whatever their situation in life—and, more than just being friendly, actually cultivate true, growing friendships.

A Deepening of Prayer

We desire for every member to have a rich, growing life of prayer, and for every ministry of the church to begin in petition and end in praise.

A Plan for Spiritual Transformation

We desire to provide clear and effective structures and processes whereby all members can progress toward Christlike character, expressing their growing love for God and others through willing service to both fellow believers and unbelievers.

A Lifestyle of Worship

We desire that meaningful corporate worship on Sunday mornings be simply an expression of, and stimulus for, a lifestyle of worship in all our hearts and homes.

An Active Compassion for those without Christ

We desire to cultivate a culture of outreach, whereby all members intentionally develop relationships with unbelievers, inviting them into the life of the church where, with a team approach, each of us plays a role in bringing people to faith in Christ.

2. What part of the vision is most exciting to you?
3. Where do you personally connect most to the vision? In other words, which area(s) are you most drawn towards?
4. What is your picture of what Faith would be like if we truly develop in each of these areas?