

# Sermon Notes

## 20/20 Vision: Part 2

### January 11-12<sup>th</sup>, 2019

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

- **Vision: Intro**
- We have a vision statement here at Good Hope. Reach Up, Rise Up, Reach Out.
- 2 capacity issues hindering the vision. 1) Need increased love capacity. 2) Need more space.
  - o Short term strategies: 1) Hire someone. 2) Option for kids out the whole service.
- **Recap: Reach Up. A Real Relationship with the Living God is Available to You!**
  - o Old Covenant relationship vs New Covenant relationship with God.
    - Transactional vs Transformational, Fear based vs Love based.
- **Part 2: Rise Up. A Real Relationship with the Living God Will Change You!!**
  - o Follows naturally from a transformational, love based relationship with God.
- 4 models of church: Attractional, Relational, Traditional, Empowerment.
  - o Quality churches have elements of all 4, but also have an area of emphasis.
  - o Our emphasis is Empowerment. You being empowered to reach your full potential in Christ.
    - This is the hard work, but it is where the difference is made.
    - Discipleship Pathway: Pre Ev, Ev, Care, Discipleship, Involvement, Advancement.
- Cloquet (Minnesota, etc.) needs people to Rise Up! There is so much that isn't getting done.
  - o Alpha. Is it time for you to step out and get involved?
  - o Kingdom Investments. Michael and Brooke?? My money is going to LGCC.
- Let's look at selections from Ephesians Ch 4 to "Rise Up."
- We are called to follow Christ.
  - o **Ephesians 4:1.** Probably could spend the rest of the day on this!!
    - What does that look like? **Ephesians 4:22-24.** Three steps to Rise Up!!
- How do we live like this? (Personal How)
  - o Specific examples are listed in **Ephesians 4:2-3, Ephesians 4:25-32.**
  - o These are the things that we "put on."
- How do we facilitate this personal life change as a church? (Organizational How)
  - o A template is given in **Ephesians 4:11-13.**
    - Leaders do their different parts to train up and strengthen each individual believer.
- Why should we bother with all of this?? (Besides the fact that God calls us to...)
  - o 1) So team Jesus doesn't lose, but wins! **Ephesians 4:14-16**
  - o 2) To honor our God. So we are not a stain. **Ephesians 4:4-6**
- Rise Up has great personal benefits, AND it opens the door for you to make a real difference.
  - o People want to change the world, but they don't want to change. Doesn't work like that.
- Growth mindset instead of fixed mindset.
  - o Don't believe the lie that you are stuck. In Christ you are not! Be becoming!
  - o Do you need some help? Thankfully we do have help!!
- **Philippians 1:3-6.**
  - o Trust in the Lord to complete the good work that has start in you! Do your part. Let God do His.
  - o Do you need that good work to begin in you? Today is your day to give your life to Christ.
- Pray for each other before you finish up!