

# Sermon Notes

## 20/20 Vision: Part 5

### February 1-2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020

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 Recap:**
- So far, Vision Statement, Empowerment Model, Faith for Increase.
- **Serving our Lord**
- Today I'm going to attempt to call us up in our service to Jesus. (We've got some things to celebrate!)
  - o Do you want to be great?? How about; Do great things for your Lord and Savior?
  - o I hope so. But, what does greatness look like in the Kingdom of God??
    - Academic greatness vs sports vs business (great deal) vs great concert vs etc?
    - My thought on greatness in the Kingdom of God: to hit the center of the target.
- What is the center of the target? The ABCs of church success?? No. **Matthew 20:24-28.**
- How do we serve? What does that look like?
  - o First must be attitude. **Phil 2:3-5.** Dave Williams' 3 legged stool.
  - o Right attitude leads to offering our Time, Talents, and Treasures to the service of our Lord.
- So many Scriptures I could look at, but let's go with **2 Corinthians 8:10-14.**
  - o Focus **v13.** No one hard pressed, but everyone doing their part to move the ball forward.
    - For me, this is probably the greatest reason to serve and give. Don't abandon others.
  - o Compare to **Ephesians 4:15-16.**
    - Don't hold back your time, talents, and treasures causing others to carry your load.
- Let's celebrate a little. The truth is that you (y'all) are doing this!!!
  - o Good Hope Church has 240 active volunteers. Thank you! You must be doing it right because...
  - o You are attracting other people! **Attendance Slide.**
  - o You are giving amazingly!! **Tithes and Offerings Slide.**
  - o K. I. Grand Totals: **2018 Slide. 2019 Slide.** (2019 KI = 2013 budget!! 2019 = \$30 per attender!)
- Back to **Ephesians 4:16.** Compare the corporate vs individual parts and how they work together.
  - o I'm back in a quandary. Like last week with faith. This time: what do I tell individuals to do??
    - Everyone is different and there is no appropriate universal expectation.
      - (Can you ever really serve enough????)
    - Putting the wrong expectation on someone does them harm. How about:
  - o Take Your Next Step in Serving Jesus.
    - Kicking around: Finding your People, Finding your Peace, Finding your Purpose.
      - People? Try Alpha. Peace? Come up for Prayer. Purpose? Two Things:
    - 90 Day Challenge. For those who Tithing is their next step.
    - Partner with Good Hope. Class coming in April. Like Foundations, but next step.
- This is a good day to take communion. As we remember what Christ has done, we answer the call.
- **Matthew 16:24-25.**
  - o This is a paradox. (existential paradox?)
    - Like the marriage paradox, or the Church paradox, this is the purpose paradox.
  - o You find your purpose by carrying your cross. Then you find true life.
    - Ask the Lord what your next step is.
- Pray for each other before you finish up!