

Vision Sunday - 22 February 2015

Small Group Questions

Vision Sunday

I believe that Vision Sunday is a massively important day because I think it is appropriate for you to know, where we are going and who does what in the life of the church. It also demonstrates, I believe very powerfully, the fact that what we have going on here at Lifestreams is bigger than just one person, it's about Jesus and it's about a team united and committed to one mission.

PART 1 - Our Leaders...

Please spend some time praying for our Leadership

1. OUR SHEPHERDING ELDERS

John and Margaret Bardsley, Bob and Mandy Beaver, Ry Beaver, Tim Bell, Bruce and Maxine Bown, Jackie Choo, Anne Dawkins, Alex and Di Fetherston, Russell and Petra Gaunson, Patrick and Polly Lee, Geoff Moore, Linda Taylor, Leanne Thom, Craig & Gerrie Vandepeer

2. OUR SERVANT LEADERS

Sue Kiely (Chair), Clint Vawser (Deputy Chair), Rob Anson, Richard Moore, Phil Porter, Malcolm Cowell

3. OUR MINISTRY TEAM/Staff

Emily Dickinson- Senior Youth Minister

Victoria Bell- Children

Brett Stanford- High School Youth

David Stanford- Community Life Minister

Julie Bond- Pastoral Care

Matt Sonsee- Worship and Discipleship Minister

Irene Farmer- PA to Rod and John and oversees our Support Services

Eileen Mckee- Admin

Graham Faulkner- Operations

-**Jenny Faulkner**- Finance

-**Doug Johnston**- Grounds

David Macpherson-Creative/Tech Director

-**Rebecca Jones**- Promotions

-**Jacob Morrow**- Junior Tech Assistant

Jen Hamilton- Lifestreamers Childcare Manager

-**I-Yin**- Kindy Teacher

-**Tam Jones**- EA

-**Sharni Brown** -EA

-**Jayne Millington** -EA

-Looking for someone to look after our 2 year olds

Luke Tassell - C2C Mission Minister

John Bond- Minister at Large (Hon)

PART 2 – Our Vision

Lifestreams South Perth Vision

(A NARRATIVE DESCRIBING WHAT WE HOPE OUR FUTURE LOOKS LIKE)

WE SEE...

A church passionately following Jesus. A Christ Centred Community that encourages continual growth and maturity in Christ while being equipped to relevantly share the Gospel to help people find and follow Jesus.

We see a church where people find acceptance, love and connection through community. Every person is supported through, and involved in, pastoral care, small groups, worship and ministry opportunities. We seek to be united in one voice and one mind—committed to this vision while celebrating our diversity.

We see a church that prays. We see a church with evidence of the Holy Spirit and the power of God in our lives. We see people empowered by the Holy Spirit, using their spiritual gifts and actively serving in the church and the world.

We see a church of servant leaders, continuing the great legacy of those before us, obedient to the call of God and raising up new leaders for generations to come. Our leaders serve Lifestreams locally and in the broader community, country and cosmos.

We see a church breaking new ground and seeking God for new opportunities to build His Kingdom. This includes building a community hub in the heart of our city to be a light of hope for all those around us.

We see a church growing globally—passionately spreading the love of Jesus to every part of the world by building authentic relationships, breaking out of our comfort zones and welcoming all people. We commit to carrying the hope of Jesus to the ends of the earth and ministering to the oppressed and vulnerable so they can experience the love of God.

Our dream is that one day by God's grace this church will.

- What excites you about this narrative?
- Where do you see yourself fitting into this VISION NARRATIVE?

1. 2015 - A year where we DON'T HOLD BACK in the things of God!

In the Message I spoke about a picture that I believe God gave us for 2015.

- Please share it with those who were not there
- What are your thoughts/feelings about the image?
- I wonder if you can relate to the picture of the dam in anyway.
- I wonder as you look at your Kingdom Life, your relationship with Jesus, are you holding back? Are there blockages restricting the flow of the spirit in your life? Is FEAR a big log restricting flow? Is Habitual Sin a big boulder in the way? What's holding you back from becoming all that God has created you to be? I wonder...
- Are you taking responsibility for your own SP development?
- Are you holding back in your SP life, your personal relationship with Jesus? Do you hold back in WORSHIP & PRAYER?
- Are you holding back in your relationships? Do you fear moving towards people and being vulnerable in spiritual friendships?

- Are you committed to the body of Christ, the CHURCH? I mean really committed.
 - Are you holding back your generosity, your resources, time gifts and money that have the potential to fund and fuel the mission of God in this place?
 - Are you holding back from serving because you've been burnt in another church or you don't think you have the time, energy or space?
 - Are you committed to mission and praying for your family and friends who don't know Jesus?
- The very simple message is this. **Don't hold back! Don't allow fear to hold you back this year.**

PSA 46

*1 God is our refuge and strength,
an ever-present help in trouble.
2 Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way
and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea,
3 though its waters roar and foam
and the mountains quake with their surging.[c]*

- What does this say about our God and how does it relate to the picture of the RIVER?

2. The PSALM then goes on and says...

*4 There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy place where the Most High dwells.
5 God is within her, she will not fall;
God will help her at break of day.*

- What would it take for this to be our/your experience?

*Then in v10 He says, "Be still, and know that I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth."
11 The Lord Almighty is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.*

Finally in 2015 we need to BE STILL AND KNOW THAT I AM GOD!

What's most important to us as a leadership and as we head into 2015 is this. As a Christ Centred Community **we are committed to being still and knowing God**. We are fuelled by a passion to see every person here at LCCSP seriously taking responsibility for their own discipleship and making the space (getting off the freeway) to hear from him and then intentionally moving forward in their KINGDOM LIFE.

- Have you looked at the KINGDOM LIFE brochure?
- What did the Spirit say?
- What are you going to intentionally do this year to grow in your KINGDOM LIFE?

Close in PRAYER

May 2015, be a year where each of us grows in our KINGDOM Lives, a year where we don't hold back in the things of God and a year where we see streams of God's favour and blessing flow in and through Lifestreams South Perth.

God Bless.