

Acts 2:42-47

### Seven Qualities

1. **Maturing in the Word** v42a
2. **Meaningful Fellowship** v42b, 46
3. **Making Supplication** v42c
4. **Miracles Performed** v43
5. **Ministry to the Body** v44-45
6. **Magnifying God** v47
7. **Missions, Disciple Making, and Evangelism** v47

Here is our bullseye: Missions Disciple making, and evangelism.

1. He left us no question, because He included it in all 4 gospels and Acts!
  - a. Matthew 28:18-20, go and make disciples of all nations
  - b. Mark 16:15, go and preach the gospel to all creation
  - c. Luke 24:47, repentance for forgiveness of sins would be proclaimed in His name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem.
  - d. John 20:21, As the Father has sent me, so I send you.
  - e. Acts 1:8
2. If we aim at this, we will hit everything else.
  - a. Tie it together... Draw the Design to tie it all together.
  - b. If we aim at becoming a launching pad together, the other 6 elements will take care of themselves.

For the most part, we have addressed this vision and applied this vision as a church, as a whole.

1. **We cannot do everything well.**
2. **We do not have to do everything well.**
  - a. We do not have to be the religious super Walmart or strip mall attempting to meet every need of every person in our community.
  - b. We simply have to focus on what God is focused on: advancing the kingdom through missions, disciple making, and evangelism.
  - c. We must do the one thing Jesus left us here to do: missions, disciple making, and evangelism

**WE WANT TO SEE EVERY MINISTRY LINED UP WITH THIS VISION!!**

Since we have been focusing on how the vision applies to the church as a whole, I want to focus this morning on applying the vision to us, as individuals and families. I want to introduce to us a personal application of the vision that we have called, PLUS 1. We want to ask you to add just 1 small step in each of these areas to help you embrace the vision as individuals.

## **1. Strive to read your bible each day.**

Robert Murray McCheyne's argument for one bible reading plan

- (1.) The whole Bible will be read through in an orderly manner in the course of a year.
  - a. In our Bible reading plan: 4 areas, only 25 days, and you can cut it in half if you want
  - b. I know some of you feel locked in....ok, but really??
- (2.) Time will not be wasted in choosing what portions to read.
  - a. Often waste time trying to determine which part of the Bible to read and often there is no rhyme or reason.
  - b. Here the question will be solved at once in a very simple manner.
- (3.) Parents will have a regular subject upon which to examine their children and friends will have a point of conversation with friends.
- (4.) The pastor will know in what part of the pasture the flock are feeding.
- (5.) The sweet bond of Christian love and unity will be strengthened.

## **2. Memorize one scripture per week.**

## **3. Host one family, you do not know well, in your home each quarter.**

## **4. Inviting one person to church each week.**

## **5. Praying for one hour each week.**

- a. Add one hour of prayer to your normal routine: roughly 9 minutes a day
- b. We are providing a guide

## **6. Practicing family worship once a week in your home.**

## **7. Increase my normal giving by 1%.**

## **8. Share in one gospel conversation each month.**

As we strive to point everything in the church toward the vision, we also want to encourage you as individuals to "own it." The success of the vision really depends on it. Will you commit to it this year?

**Discussion Questions:**

1. What did you learn about God in this sermon and in the biblical texts used? About Christ? About the Holy Spirit?
2. What did you learn about yourself in this sermon and in the texts used?
3. Were there any clear promises or commands in the biblical texts used?
4. What is the hardest truth that stands out to you from this message or the verses referenced?
5. What is the most impactful point or statement from the sermon?
6. How can you respond to this message?