

## VISION: WHY DO WE DO WHAT WE DO?

Revelation 7.9-17

### WHAT IS VISION, AND WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

Vision identifies a problem. Something that is that shouldn't be, or something that isn't that should be. Vision is the end goal, the main reason why we do what we do. Everyone has vision, we all have reasons and motivations for what we do. Having a clear vision for life and ministry radically shapes how and what you do with decisions and pursuits.

The goal of Life Mission Church shouldn't vary that much (if at all) from the big goal of the universal church. And the universal church shouldn't vary that much from the big goal of God, since we, the church, are His body, and His body must be in concert with Him, the Head. To best determine vision, look to the end goal. For us, we look to the end goal of God, which can be found, among other places, in **Revelation 7.9-17**.

**The end goal of God is that He would gather for Himself a people from all nations, that He would be their God, be glorified among them and enjoyed by them, for all eternity.**

1 Peter 2.9, 10 // Ephesians 3.7-10

### WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR YOU?

If it is the goal of the church of Jesus Christ to see God glorified among the nations, then this, therefore, should also be our own individual goals. But how is God glorified in you? Consider some of these quotes:

**God is most glorified when you are most satisfied in Him.**

-John Piper

**The chief end of man is to glorify God and enjoy Him forever**

-Westminster Catechism

**God has so twisted His glory and our joy together,  
that as we advance the one, we promote the other.**

-CH Spurgeon

Ephesians 1.4-12, 2.10 // Psalm 67

**So whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do,  
do all to the glory of God.**

1 Corinthians 10.31



## NOTES:

### Will You Pray With Us?

Follow along with our daily prayer requests by downloading the **PrayerMate App**, available on both **iOS** and **Android** phones. Go to our website for detailed instructions on how to subscribe to the app to be praying with us daily, as well as reading through our **2 Year Bible Reading Plan**.

## ARE YOU NEW HERE?

### WELCOME TO LIFE MISSION CHURCH!

We'd LOVE for you to fill out the green **Connection Card** on your seat to let us know you were here today. You can drop it in the offering at the end of service or take it to one of our teammates in a **Green Shirt** at the **Connection Booth** outside - we'd love to give you some welcome information.

Feel free to grab some food or coffee out in the courtyard and hang out. We hope you'll **join us next Sunday** and consider making us your church family.

### SERVING OPPORTUNITIES

If you've ever taken your child to one of our **Kids on Mission** classes, or enjoyed a cup of coffee after service, chances are there was a faithful servant behind each of those examples. By giving your time and talent on Sundays, you're **an essential part** of helping others meet Jesus, and serving is one of the **most fun & rewarding ways we experience community** with our church family! Fill out a connection card or visit the **Connection Booth** to learn about the serving opportunities available today.

### COMMUNITY GROUPS

The best way to **get connected** in the church is by joining one of our **Community Groups!** You'll forge friendships, be encouraged, and take the sermon deeper into your heart every week. **Sign up for a Group** on a **Connection Card** or visit the **Connection Booth**. You won't regret it!

### GIVING

**Gospel-centered generosity** is motivated by a heart of thankfulness because of the sacrificial love God has already shown us. If you call **Life Mission** your home, you can place your gift in the offering baskets at the end of service, give online at [lifemissionchurch.com/blog/give](http://lifemissionchurch.com/blog/give) or mail a check to our PO Box. Thank you so much!

### KIDS ON MISSION

Our **Kids on Mission** ministry has classes for **newborns - 5th grade**. Please visit [lifemissionchurch.com/blog/kids](http://lifemissionchurch.com/blog/kids) to read more about the vision and plan we have for our kids, including Pastor Jobey's heart for the ministry and his walkthrough of our curriculum.

### JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Our **6th - 8th graders** worship with the adults and then head to the junior high room with their teacher and classmates for the rest of service.

Our **High School students** stay in the service because we believe that it is critical for them to not "graduate the faith" when they graduate school. For questions on our student ministries, contact **Casey Barnes** at [hbarnes5@yahoo.com](mailto:hbarnes5@yahoo.com).



## VISION: WHY DO WE EXIST?

We want to see God's glory known among the nations, to the least, last, and lost.

## MISSION: WHAT DO WE NEED TO DO?

We need to make disciples who make disciples locally and globally, who are saved, equipped, and sent by the Gospel.

## STRATEGY: HOW WILL WE DO IT?

By teaching people how to be rooted in the Gospel of God's glory through the Word of God, Prayer, and Gospel Community.

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## COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

Read **Revelation 7.9-17, 1 Peter 2.9, 10**. What was impactful from the sermon on Sunday or stuck out in the these verses? \_\_\_\_\_

Why is having a specific vision and goal important for Christians as well as for churches and organizations? \_\_\_\_\_

Without cheating, what would you say the Vision ("Why we exist") of Life Mission Church is? How do you think we are doing with that Vision, and what specific ways are we pursuing it? \_\_\_\_\_

What do you think about the Vision of the church? Is it biblical? Does it align with what it seems that God desires His church to pursue? Why or why not? \_\_\_\_\_

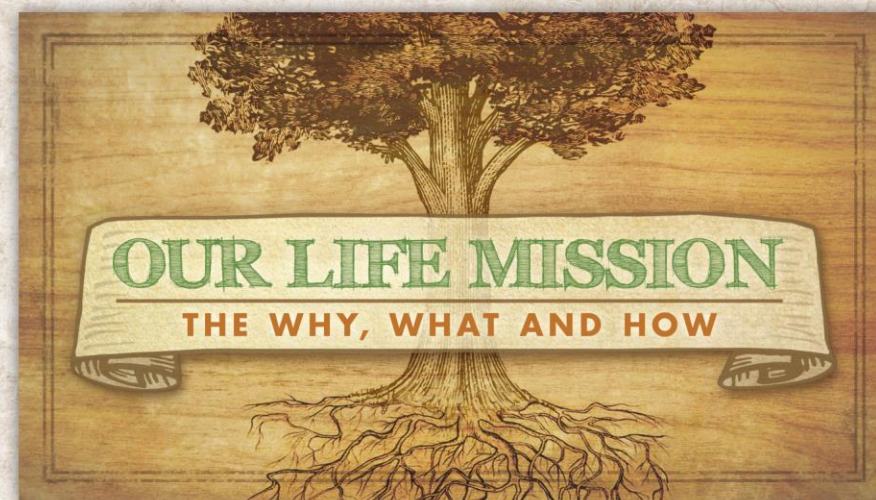
For you as a believer, what should the purpose and goal of every believer be? Secondly, what is the *typical* purpose and goal of an average believer? \_\_\_\_\_

How would you define your purpose and goal in life? In other words, how would you answer the question of "why do I do what I do?" Give the *real* and *functional* answer, whether it's the "biblically correct" answer or not. \_\_\_\_\_

Read **Ephesians 1.4-12, 2.10** and **Psalm 67**. What specific purposes do you see for yourself in here? \_\_\_\_\_

How do these verses get highlighted by some of the quotes in the Sermon Notes? Which of those quotes resonate with you the most and why? \_\_\_\_\_

Lastly, read **Psalm 37.4, 5**. Most often, our desires do not line up with God's. Our (functional) vision for life is not like the one we find in the Word that God desires for us. These verses show us *how* to get our vision lined up with God's. How do these verses point this out for us? \_\_\_\_\_



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