

RECOMMIT

Recommit 2 the Vision

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Since the end of August, we have been talking and learning about recommitting. We started with prayer and moved through character and love. We discussed compassion, faith, and margin. And just last week we took a look at a real-life story of healing and redemption. We've searched the Scriptures together and asked ourselves what it looks like to recommit to God, ourselves, and others. Upward, Inward, Outward is more than just words we say at the end of each service. It's the vision of TC. Throughout this series, we have reaffirmed our calling to love God completely, ourselves correctly, and others compassionately.

From the first week of this series, we learned that the term "disciple" is used 269 times in the New Testament to describe Christ followers. We learned that a disciple is an apprentice of Jesus who relies on the life of Jesus, through the enabling power of the Holy Spirit, to fulfill the vision of Jesus.

We learned that prayer is where it starts. Through prayer, we are establishing a life-long intimacy and dependence on Jesus. Through prayer, we are aligning His will with ours. Through prayer, we are being conformed to His image.

As the weeks passed, we learned that we are being invited into God's Story. As we become a part of His Story, we are called to a life of integrity, courage, humility, love, and compassion. These characteristics are rooted in the very nature of God. As His disciples, we can't help but reflect them. In fact, as His disciples, we are healed of all our sin and brokenness. We don't have to strive for perfection or forgiveness. We can rest in the work He has accomplished on our behalf. We can celebrate the gift of faith we have received.

Now that we have laid down the foundation, it's time to build.

This week Pastor Derwin is calling us to recommit to the vision of TC so that we can move forward with the mission God has for us.

Take a moment to pray as a group before diving into the discussion.

- Read Matthew 28:18-20.

¹⁸ Jesus came near and said to them, "All authority has been given to me in heaven and on earth. ¹⁹ Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe everything I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

1. This passage of Scripture is called the **Great Commission** and is the basis of our vision to build a multiethnic, multigenerational, mission-shaped community.
 - a. What are some of the key directives you see in the Great Commission (vs. 19)?
 - b. What does it look like for you personally to make disciples of all nations?
 - c. Do you see this as a solo mission or a group/community effort?

- d. What are some clues that lead you to that conclusion? *(Note to Leader: These verses describe God as the Trinity – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. God is One, but He is also in community with Himself. We are made in His image and are not meant to live on our own apart from community.)*
2. Read Galatians 3:27-28. **27 For those of you who were baptized into Christ have been clothed with Christ. 28 There is no Jew or Greek, slave or free, male and female; since you are all one in Christ Jesus.**
 - a. How does the gospel bring people together from all ethnicities?
 - b. How can we, as His disciples, partner with Jesus to bring heaven to earth?
 - c. What is one practical step you can take in your life?

Recommit to joining Jesus in making disciples.

3. In order to move forward in our mission, we must be able to recreate ourselves. We must be disciples who make disciples.

Read Galatians 2:20. **20 I have been crucified with Christ, and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.**

- a. What impact does this verse have on the way you view yourself/your life? *(Note to Leader: Jesus gave Himself for us. How do we now give ourselves for Him? Frame these thoughts for your group in a way that gets them to take ownership of the vision/mission.)*
- b. How do you see yourself partnering with Jesus to make disciples? *(Note to Leader: Everyone has unique talents/gifts/skills/passions. We are all unique but are called to the same mission. Reflect on I Corinthians 12:12-27. Read it aloud to your group and allow it to sink in.)*
- c. What gifts/talents/skills/passions has He given you? How can you leverage these for the Kingdom?
- d. Remember that it is Jesus, Himself, Who helps us reach people and disciple them as He lives in us and through us. We do nothing in our own strength; rather, we are empowered by the Holy Spirit. How does this reality shape the way you view your part in the mission?

Pastor Derwin shared with us the 5 Year Vision Plan for TC.

- Reach our community by opening two new campuses in the Charlotte region, with a combined 6,001 people gathering weekly.
- Celebrate 2,000 people going public with their faith by participating in baptism.
- Expand the online broadcast to engage over 2,000 people weekly and launch 15 microsites.
- Invest \$3,500,000 and 150,000 hours in providing hope, healing, unity, and justice to our region.
- Increase the HD Leader Roundtable platform, equipping 250 leaders to develop multiethnic, multigenerational, mission-shaped communities.

4. As we discussed earlier, it all starts with prayer. We must continue to pray without ceasing.

(See: I Thessalonians 5:16-18) Prayer fuels our mission.

- a. How will you commit to praying for the 5 Year Vision Plan? *(Note to Leader: You can commit to pray together as a group every week. Group members can commit by praying daily. You can create a “prayer calendar” of sorts with different members committing to pray on certain days of the week. You can also pray for God to reveal how your group can specifically own a piece of the mission; whether it’s through giving or serving in a new ministry area or sharing with neighbors/co-workers about Jesus.)*

Soul-tattoo: Read HD Leader and pray over our 5-year vision.

We have been challenged to read HD Leader. As a TC group, we can commit to reading through one chapter each week and discussing it at the start of each meeting. Even if we only take 10 to 15 minutes for discussion, it's important to read through the material to understand the WHY behind the vision.

Close – in prayer.