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Vision Series – What Now?!?!

These steps are what God has laid out as what it means to do **life in Christ** – to be a disciples – those who, out of faith that believe Jesus is Who He says He is, set their intent on systematically rearranging their lives in order to **be like Jesus**.

Each of these steps **builds** on the others in order to move us through life in Christ. If we stop living in an earlier step, the sequential ones will eventually **fall apart**.

Acts 2:40-47

Matthew 16:16-18, 28:19-20; Acts 1:8

Acts 2:42-43a

“and everyone was filled with awe” is literally “and **fear** was occurring to **every** soul.”

They weren’t just **hearing** the vision, just going through the motions; the scripture says that every single one of them was having an internal, personal, heartfelt **connection** with the vision of Jesus Christ for the church. And it compelled them to **live** it.

Unless **you** experience it and sense a personal connection with what our vision is, **you** won’t live it out. It’s that simple.

We are alive for one reason – to **glorify** God and lift high the name of Jesus Christ. And the vision that God has given us about how we as His church are to accomplish that is that we exist to move people to **life** in Christ one step at a time **together**.

As a church, though we cannot make anyone worship in spirit and truth, we can and we must give consistent opportunities to **worship Jesus** together. And that’s what we are going to do each and every Sunday morning together. And you need to **be there**.

Though, as a church, we cannot make anyone live in the process of learning God’s Word, the next step is that we must give consistent opportunities to **learn truth** together. And that’s what we are going to do in Bible study classes for every age Sundays before our corporate worship service. And you need to **be there**.

As a church, we cannot force people into relationships nor force them to use their gifts, talents, time, and resources in the service of one another, but we must give consistent opportunities to **build community** together. And that’s what we are going to do primarily through LINKs on Sunday nights. And you need to **be there**.

The last step we continue to take is to **reach your world**. That step is not something we do “at” church, it is what we do “as” the church individually and together everywhere we are. And you need to **be about it**.

God **will** be glorified, Jesus **will** be lifted up, and we will be a great church, we will move people to life in Christ, **when** you worship Jesus, **when** you learn truth, when you build community, when you reach your world.

Don’t just come to ‘church’ and do life and be mediocre. Go do life **in Christ** one step at a time together so that people look at you and you offer them so much, you show them so much, you have so much influence in your life that it is just natural that they turn and begin to **glorify God**.

It isn’t enough for Fairway to give **opportunities** to worship Jesus and learn truth and build community and reach your world. Every one of us who resonates with the name of Jesus and the vision of life in Christ must **live** in this vision together.

Let’s go do it.