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Series: MM Hope for the City

Title: Our Vision

BIG IDEA

God is inviting us to be a movement of hope for the city and beyond.

KEY VERSE

The world of the generous gets larger and larger; the world of the stingy gets smaller and smaller. The one who blesses others is abundantly blessed; those who help others are helped. (Proverbs 11:24-25 MSG)

SUMMARY

We believe God is giving us a new vision for the next season: we are a movement of hope for <u>the city</u> and beyond. We are all at base camp right now, whether you have been with us for one day or since we began this journey. And, we can't wait to write the next chapter together.

OUR NEW VISION

We are a movement of hope for the city and beyond.

- A. The Church was never meant to be a corporation or an organization. It was always meant to be a movement. The Church is a force, a community with a cause. We have been empowered to go to all nations. The same way Jesus was sent, we are sent. A movement happens when Individuals take their unique gifting, passions, talents, and resources and submit to a common vision for an exponential return.
- B. When you believe in the message of Jesus, you become part of the mission of Jesus, and when enough of us choose to be on mission with Jesus we become a movement of the people of Jesus (Matthew 16:25).

What gifts, passions, talents, and resources is God inviting you to submit to our common vision of being a movement of hope? How are you living on mission with God?

C. Hope is a person and His name is Jesus. Jesus met people right where they were and answered the questions they **were** asking so He could answer the questions they **should have been** asking. Jesus came to bring us hope, He doesn't make us go look for it.

Where do you need the hope of Jesus in your life? Who is God inviting you to share the hope of Jesus with today?

D. Cities are made up of individuals. When you get touched by the hope of Jesus you can't help but share it with other people. When individuals have hope, families have hope, when families have hope, businesses have hope, education has hope, all areas of life have hope, so the city has hope. Hope is contagious, hope cascades, and hope flows.

What has the hope of Jesus done in your life?

OUR STRATEGY (PEOPLE)

To help people take a next step on their journey with Jesus from lost to leader.

HARBORS & HOPE CARRIERS

A. Ships in a harbor are safe but that isn't what ships are meant for. Ships need a harbor to come back to and refuel, release garbage, get a new crew, and prepare for their next mission. Every follower of Jesus needs a harbor. You were made to be out there in the world bringing hope to the world around you. But you need a harbor. A place for you to pull in and unload all the garbage in your heart and get refilled with the presence of God, get inspired by the Word of God, and the people of God. Then, you're equipped and ready to go back out on mission.

What do you need to unload from your heart so you can fill it with the hope of Jesus? Where in your life do you need the refreshing presence of God?

B. Within you is a treasure chest of hope just waiting to be opened and shared with the world around you. When you move from hopeless to hope carrier it changes everything about your daily life (Romans 5:17). In Jesus, we are called to rule and reign with him (1 John 3:8). The church and the kingdom are not the same thing, the church is part of the kingdom of God but the kingdom is much bigger. God doesn't just want His rule and reign in the church—He wants His kingdom to come in all areas of life: church, family, education, healthcare, business, government, media, sports, IT.

Which area(s) of life do you go every day? Where has God already planted you to bring the hope of Jesus?

TWO MISSIONAL MOVES

Over the next four years we will double down and build four new campuses—Missional Move #1. Missional Move #2 is building hope carriers to go and bring hope to all areas of live. You can find more details at valleycreek.org/missionalmove. You are invited to ask/listen/respond to what God wants to do in and through you in this Missional Move. What is the holy spirit saying to you?

(Other Scripture References: Deuteronomy 7:17-24, Ephesians 6:8, Matthew 6:21, Luke 6:38,)