

Vision Sunday

Vision Sunday is a time when we re-engage with the call of God for the year ahead. This year we wanted to emphasise clearly that it is not that we have a great church (although we do believe we have a great church) but that we have a great God. Our vision is the path that God has laid out for us, which is why we surrounded ourselves with the word of God on the windows of our church.

Part One – The church is the hope of the world

Read Colossians 1:24-29

1. In verse 24, what has been given to make the church possible?
2. Why does Paul believe the body of Christ is so valuable?
3. According to verse 27 what is task of the church?
4. In what ways do you understand the church being the hope of the world?
5. How are we to live this out at PUC?

Five years ago we were moved to develop the mission statement, Engage, Grow, Go to express something of God's calling. This year we would like to flesh this out a little bit more with the following:

Engage to.....Love
Grow to.....Liberate
Go to.....Lead

Read the following passages and consider how PUC is to live out each of these key callings:

1. Love – Matthew 22:34-40, 1 Corinthians 13:4-7
2. Liberate – Romans 8:1-2, Galatians 5:1
3. Lead – Matthew 28:7, Revelations 7:17

Part 2 – Without me you can do nothing

Read John 15:1-8

1. What is the plain meaning of verse 5? How can we live out this truth?
2. What is verse 7 saying about prayer? How can we live out this truth?
3. If we are to love, liberate and lead what does this passage say we need?

Part 3 – Our response

Read Ephesians 4:11-12

1. What does God say he will do in the church?
2. What do we need to do in order for God to do what he wants in the church?