



Vision

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The vision of God's church is no hallucination...It's alive! It's well! And it is an unstoppable force! Don't miss the spectacle of seeing with your own eyes the vision God has for His church – The Church at Rancho Bernardo.

Message Notes

OUR VISION AT CRB

Helping people experience life at the highest level through a relationship with Jesus.
(John 10:10)

OUR MISSION AT CRB

Reaching: We are willing to do whatever it takes to reach people who do not know Jesus as their Savior and bring them into a relationship with Him. (Luke 19:10, Mark 16:15, John 3:16)

Equipping: The Christian experience is a lifelong journey of being transformed into the image of Christ and we are committed to provide the tools needed for that transformation to take place.(Ephesians 4:11-13, Romans 2:2)

Serving: It's not about us; it's about Jesus. We believe every Christ-follower is uniquely called to give of themselves both inside and outside the walls of The Church at Rancho Bernardo. (Mark 9:35, Matthew 25:40)

Personal Study Questions

1. Do you remember the first time you attended a worship service here at CRB? What brought you back?

How are you different now from when you first started attending here?

2. If someone asked you what is the purpose of the Church (not the purpose of our church building, but the Church that is the body of Christ) what would your answer be?

What is the difference between going to church and being the church?

3. Take a look at Ephesians 4:11-16. What two goals in verse 13 are the intended results of our acts of service?

What does it mean to speak the truth in love? What do you think is love's goal?

What does *fitted* and *knit together* mean to you?

4. Consider this quote: "We are to be conduits or channels, not reservoirs or holding tanks of God's blessings." What is the difference between a channel and a holding tank?

What happens when we become holding tanks instead of channels? More importantly, what doesn't happen?

5. Read aloud Colossians 1:9-14. Who gives us wisdom and understanding? What will we be filled with, according to verse 9, when we are given this wisdom? How does that make you feel?

What four ways do we show, according to verses 10-12, that we are living a life that pleases Jesus?

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- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

6. Now read 1 Peter 2:1-5. What do these verses say is the key to our growth?

What does it mean to crave something?

What responsibilities does a baby have? What kind of impact does a baby have on the people he's around?

7. Theologian C. S. Lewis wrote: "'Mere change is not growth. Growth is the synthesis of change and continuity, and where there is no continuity there is no growth.'" Why is this true?

What does continuity have to do with spiritual growth?

Personal Meditation: How much time did you spend this past week watching TV or reading the paper or magazines? How much time did you spend reading your Bible? Which do you nourish the best: your spirit or your body? How can you increase the amount of time you spend in the Word this coming week? Name one thing you will do differently.

Memorize 2 Peter 3:18: "But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! Amen."