

Title: Obedience to the Heavenly Vision I
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Word

Paul's obedience

Acts 26:19

"Therefore, King Agrippa, I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision,

Making the vision clear

Habakkuk 2:2-3

² Then the LORD answered me and said: "Write the vision And make it plain on tablets, That he may run who reads it. ³ For the vision is yet for an appointed time; But at the end it will speak, and it will not lie. Though it tarries, wait for it; Because it will surely come, It will not tarry.

What is our vision?

To reach nations and generations through disciple-making, leadership development and church planting.

To reach the people of this city through disciple-making, leadership development and small group planting.

What is a disciple?

A passionate follower of Christ who, by the presence and power of the Spirit, can hear His voice, obey Him, and fulfill His purpose here on earth.

What are the strongholds in our city and region?

1. Dead religion.
2. Walls of separation and division.
3. The exaltation of the individual.

1. Disciples are alive in Christ

Ephesians 2:4-10

⁴ But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, ⁵ even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), ⁶ and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷ that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, ⁹ not of works, lest anyone should boast. ¹⁰ For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

2. Disciples are one in Christ

Ephesians 2:14-16 (NLT)

¹⁴ For Christ Himself has brought peace to us. He united Jews and Gentiles into one people when, in His own body on the cross, He broke down the wall of hostility that separated us. ¹⁵ He did this by ending the system of law with its commandments and regulations. He made peace between Jews and Gentiles by creating in Himself one new people from the two groups. ¹⁶ Together as one body, Christ reconciled both groups to God by means of His death on the cross, and our hostility toward each other was put to death.

3. Disciples know His purpose

Ephesians 3:8-12 (ESV)

⁸ To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, ⁹ and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for

ages in God who created all things, ¹⁰ so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. ¹¹ This was according to the eternal purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord, ¹² in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in him.

4. Disciples glorify Him

Ephesians 3:20-21

²⁰ Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, ²¹ to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

Obedience to the vision

1. Take responsibility for your own discipleship.
2. Take responsibility for the discipleship of others.
3. Take responsibility for building God's church.