

“Be careful then, how you live—not as unwise, but as wise, making the most of every opportunity...Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord’s will is.”

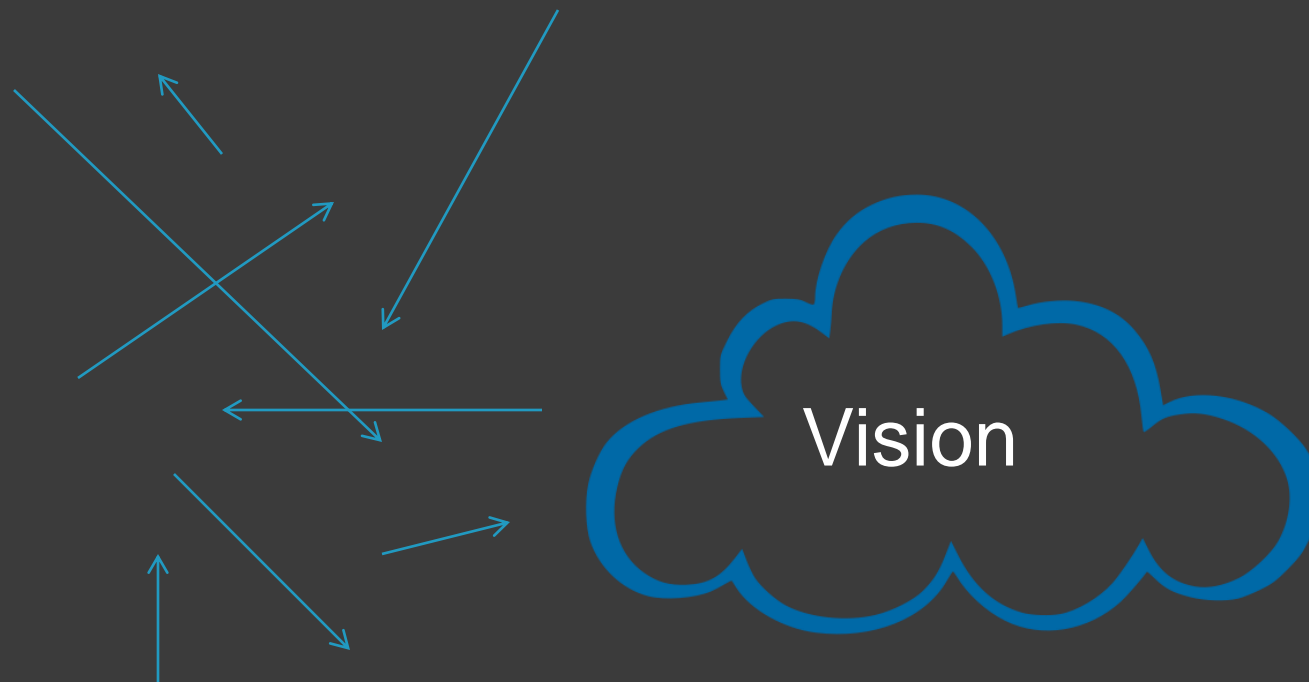
-Ephesians 5:15-17

# STRATEGIC MINISTRY PLANNING

# What is Strategic Ministry Planning?

Strategic planning is a collaborative process to turn God-inspired visions into realities. It is a recipe for effectiveness.

# Why Strategic Ministry Planning?



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# Guiding Questions

- ① What areas are critical for the church to focus on right now?
- ① How do we walk hand in hand without always seeing eye to eye to accomplish God's mission?

# Strategic Ministry Planning Process

Define our Direction

Develop Our Strategy

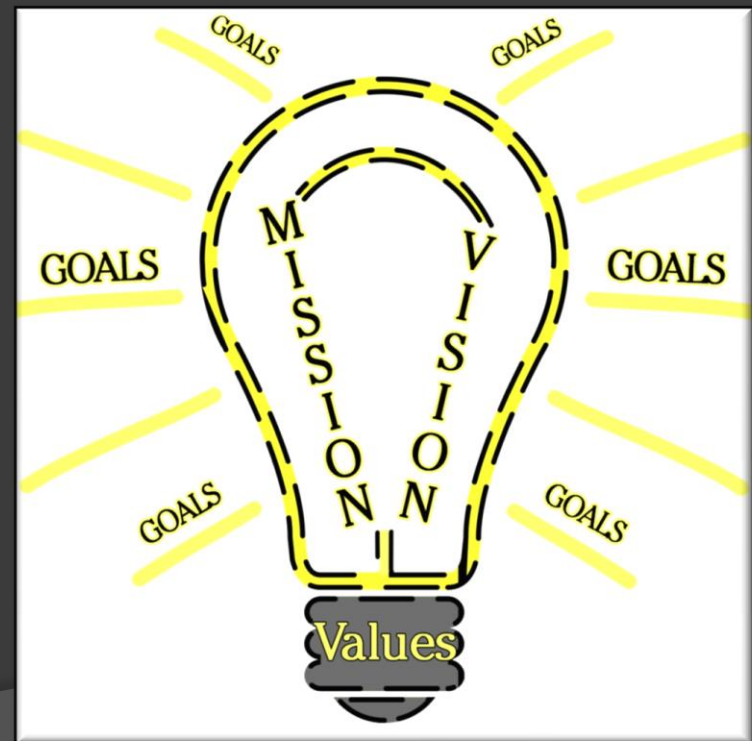
Pursue Alignment

## Define our Direction

Task	Target Date	Completion Date
Leadership Retreat: Tell Our Story, Affirm Our Values and Explore Possible Objectives	May 2017	5/20/17
Introduce Strategic plan and advertise Focus Groups	Early June 2017	6/4/17
Vision Casting Sessions with church body: Tell Our Story, Determine our Values	June 2017	6/17/17
Present Initial Draft of Values to Church Council	June 20th	6/20/17
Refine Values with Pastoral Team	July 18th	Summer 2017
Present Values to Congregation at Congregational Meeting	Sept 24th	
Focus Groups on Values and LIFE Statement	Fall 2017	
Corporate Prayer/Service of Consecration	Fall 2017	
Leadership Retreat	Fall 2017	
Vote to Adopt Mission, Vision, Values and LIFE Statement	February 2018	

# Define Our Direction

Identify and Affirm our **Vision, Mission** and **Values** in order to inform our future goals and objectives



# Vision

Love    Grow    Serve



# Mission

Servants of Christ,  
formed by God's Word,  
led by His Spirit  
and engaged in bringing our world to  
Christ

# Core Values

Enduring values guide our decisions, priorities and behaviors as we work to accomplish our mission

# First Covenant Proposed Values

- **Transforming Walk with God**  
*(Isaiah 40:8; Romans 12:2)*
- **Life-Giving Partnerships**  
*(Eph. 2:1-10, Philippians 2:1-8)*
- **Sacrificial Generosity**  
*(Acts 2:42-47)*
- **Visionary Courage**  
*(1 Chronicles 12:32, 2 Corinthians 5:11-21)*

# Next Steps

- Begin with Prayer
- Focus Groups
- February Annual Meeting

# Focus Group Dates

- Monday, October 16<sup>th</sup> at 2pm
- Tuesday, October 17<sup>th</sup> at 11am
- Tuesday, October 17<sup>th</sup> at 6pm  
(Childcare Provided)
- Wednesday, October 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm  
(During Wednesday night activities)
- Thursday, October 19<sup>th</sup> at 10am
- Thursday, October 19<sup>th</sup> at 4pm