



Riverstone
BAPTIST CHURCH

Sermon Based Questions

Date- Sunday 10th September 2017

Series- Vision Sunday

Be & Make Disciples

“The Vision of the church ought to be the People of the church.”

- (Source unknown)

- 1. Adoption & life in the Spirit.**
- 2. Learning to Serve/Serving to Learn.**
- 3. Marked by love.**
- 4. Propelled outwards with the good news.**

A. Examining the texts.

1. Read 1 John 3:1, Rom. 8:14-16 & Gal.4:5-7. These chapters all relate the Spirit of God to adoption. What do they teach about that relationship?
2. Read 1 Corinthians 13:1-13. What does this chapter say about love, and how does it speak to the primacy of love?
3. Read Mark 6:6-12, John 13:1-17. How do these passages speak to Jesus' model of teaching that involved a mixture of serving and learning?
4. Read John 20:19-23, Acts 1:1-8. What do these passages reveal about Jesus' hopes for disciples once he left? What provision did Jesus give along with the mission?

B. Key Questions

5. Adoption and being Led by the Spirit. How important is the notion of being a child of God to the Christian faith? What relationship has adoption to the indwelling of the Spirit of God? How can I grow in "son consciousness," in my Christian journey? Do I relate to God as a good heavenly Father and how does that affect my prayer life, ethics and behaviors?
6. Learning to serve/ serving to learn. How important to your vision of the Christian life is serving God and others? How have your experiences of serving taught you new things about God and grown you in your Christian discipleship?
7. Marked by Love: In what ways has God demonstrated his love for you? How would you describe that love? How could you pass on that kind of love?
8. Being propelled outwards with the Good news- As you look at the early church in what ways were they propelled outwards with the good news? Describe your experience of the good news of the gospel and ask yourself- "who is God propelling me outwards toward and how can I be good news to them?"

A Prayer- Heavenly Father, you sent your Son and your Spirit in order that your mission of Christ conformity might be realized. Please shape us by our experience of Christ, and the fullness of the Spirit into those that truly heed Jesus instruction- come follow me! We ask this in Jesus Name Amen