

Closer: 4 of 4
"Vision Cast"

Sermon Teaching

Cornerstone Church of Poway
Pastor Ed Turley
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2020 Vision: To provide a clearer path of discipleship where we can grow closer to God and people.

"You are the **light** of the world—like a **city** on a hilltop that cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp and then puts it under a basket. Instead, a lamp is placed on a stand, where it gives light to everyone in the **house**. In the same way, let your **good deeds** shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father."

Matthew 5:14-16 (NLT2)

"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was **formless** and **empty**, and **darkness** covered the deep waters. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the surface of the waters. Then God said, "**Let there be light**," and there was light." **Genesis 1:1-5 (NLT2)**

We Can Draw Closer Through:

1. Worshipping By _____:

"**Through Jesus**, therefore, let us continually offer to God a **sacrifice of praise**--the fruit of lips that **confess** His name. And do not forget to do good and to **share with others**, for with such sacrifices God is pleased."

Hebrews 13:15-16 (NIV)

Notes: _____

2. Connecting In _____:

"Every day they continued to **meet together** in the temple courts. They broke bread in their **homes** and **ate together** with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the **Lord added** to their number daily those who were being saved." **Acts 2:46-47 (NIV)**

Notes: _____

3. Growing In Faith _____:

"So then, just as you **received** Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to **live** in Him, rooted and built up in him, **strengthened** in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with **thankfulness**." **Colossians 2:6-7 (NIV)**

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Notes: _____

4. Serving In Our Church _____.

“Each one should use whatever gift he has received to **serve others**, faithfully **administering God's grace** in its various forms.” **1 Peter 4:10-11 (NIV)**

Notes: _____

5. Sharing God's Story Of Love _____.

"For God so **loved** the world that he gave his one and only Son, that **whoever believes** in him shall not perish but **have eternal life**. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him."

John 3:16-17 (NIV)

“Instead, you must **worship Christ as Lord of your life**. And if someone **asks** about your **Christian hope**, **always be ready to explain it**. But do this in a **gentle and respectful** way. Keep your **conscience clear**. Then if people speak against you, they will be ashamed when they see what a **good life you live** because you belong to Christ.” **1 Peter 3:15-16 (NLT2)**

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“But you are a **chosen people**, a **royal priesthood**, a **holy nation**, a **people belonging to God**, that you may **declare the praises** of Him who called you **out of darkness** into His **wonderful light**.¹⁰ Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but **now you have received mercy**.” **1 Peter 2:9-10 (NIV) Remember Verse**

Notes: _____

Prayer: “*Lord, give me a heart for those who don't know You.*”

I will take my next right step this week by:

- Praying, “Lord, give me a heart for those who don't know You.”
- Taking the Spiritual Upgrade Class this Wednesday
- Accepting Jesus as my Savior and Lord for the first time
- Following Jesus in Believer's Baptism on February 16
- Affirm the Our Vision for 2020

Cornerstone Ministries I may be interested in:

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Family Corner: [Choose one day this week to ask questions to go deeper in faith as a family. Try this over dinner. Keep it to 12 minutes or less.]

Small Groups: [Choose as many questions that honors your group’s time commitment]

Open in Prayer:

Icebreaker:

Sometimes our faith begins by learning from our parents or grandparents and then becomes our personal faith. Sometimes our faith begins from a dramatic experience like Paul. How did your faith begin?

- What thoughts from this week’s message encouraged you to share your story?

A testimony doesn’t need to be long. It is simply your story of how we placed our trust in Jesus’ death, burial, and resurrection for your salvation. It is your story of knowing Jesus and how God’s grace and mercy is making a difference in you.

My story of faith in Jesus:

1. My life before I knew Jesus was...

[samples from others]

- *“I grew up in a Christian home with morals, but I didn’t have a relationship with Jesus.”*
- *“I used to look for happiness in stuff, in acceptance, in people...none of that worked.”*
- *“I was angry and depressed with my life.....” or “My life was filled with shame and fear...”*
- *“I struggled with addiction” or “I spent my whole life trying to be successful and independent.”*

2. I asked Jesus into my life when...

[samples from others]

- *“One day I heard the message of Jesus’ love, forgiveness, and acceptance at church.”*
- *“I was at the end of my rope and Jesus was there...”*
- *“Jesus accepted me as I am, a sinner in need of a Savior.”*
- *“I understand that Jesus died on the cross for my sins and on the third day He rose from the grave. I have accepted Him into my life to be my Savior.”*

Use one or two verses to point to Jesus as your Savior. Here are some verses you might use.

John 3:16 (NIV) *For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.*

Romans 10:9 (NIV) *That if you confess with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.*

Ephesians 2:8-9 (NIV) *For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith--and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God-- not by works, so that no one can boast.*

Romans 6:23 (NIV)

For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

John 1:12 (NIV)

Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God--

3. Because of Jesus, I am growing in my faith...

[samples from others]

- *“I am in a new relationship with Jesus as I learn to walk in His grace and mercy.”*
- *“I now have purpose in my life ... a reason for living.”*
- *“I am not perfect. I am learning to be a more loving: husband, wife, father, mother, friend...”*
- *“I am no longer a person who is always angry and bitter...I’m learning forgiveness...”*
- *“Living for Jesus Christ’s purposes has eased the need to be everything on my own. Now I can focus on what matters most to God and let Him take care of what matters to me.”*

Close in Prayer: Start praying. Be bold and pray specifically.