

Vision Series: Developing A Community Of Faith - 4 of 4
“Through Sharing”
Cornerstone Church Of Poway
Pastor Ed Turley
January 30, 2022

Vision:

We need to build up our community of faith to strengthen our love for God and others.

I Will Help Build Up Our Community Of Faith By:

1. Making Worship A Lifestyle

“Therefore, **brothers**, since we have **confidence** to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, His body, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, **let us draw near to God** with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled to **cleanse** us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water.” **Hebrews 10:19-22 (NIV)**



Set a consistent day for worship
Contribute regularly to the ministry

2. Connecting In Relationships That Go Beyond The Superficial

“**Let us** hold unwaveringly to the **hope** we profess, for He who promised is **faithful**.”
Hebrews 10:23 (NIV)

“They **devoted** themselves to the apostles' **teaching** and to the **fellowship**, to the **breaking of bread** and to **prayer**... 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 2:42, 46, 47 (NIV)**



Get to know others

Join a Small Group [Feb-March]

3. Learning To Apply God’s Word In Our Everyday Lives

“And let us **consider** how we may spur one another on toward **love and good deeds**. Let us not give up **meeting together**, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us **encourage one another**--and all the more as you see the Day approaching.”
Hebrews 10:24, 25 (NIV)

“For this very reason, make every effort to **add to your faith** goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; and to godliness, brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness, love. For if you **possess** these qualities **in increasing measure**, they will keep you from being **ineffective** and **unproductive** in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

2 Peter 1:5-8 (NIV)



4. Serving In The Local Church To Build Up Believers

“Above all, **love** each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. Offer **hospitality** to one another without grumbling. Each one should use whatever gift he has received to **serve** others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms.”

1 Peter 4:8,9,10 (NIV)



Cornerstone Ministries I may be interested in:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Administration | <input type="checkbox"/> Children | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth/Teens |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Visitation/Meals | <input type="checkbox"/> First Impressions | <input type="checkbox"/> Hospitality/Café |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Media & Sound | <input type="checkbox"/> Worship | <input type="checkbox"/> Men’s or Women’s |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Facilities | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IT | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pod Cast |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prayer & Celebration of Birth Quilts | | <input type="checkbox"/> Life Choices |

5. Sharing God’s Message Of Forgiveness

“Therefore go and **make disciples** of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to **obey everything** I have commanded you.” **Matthew 28:19-20 (NIV)**

*“Even though I was **once a blasphemer and a persecutor and a violent man**, I was shown **mercy** because I acted in ignorance and unbelief. The **grace** of our Lord was poured out on me abundantly, along with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: **Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners-of whom I am the worst**. But for that very reason I was shown **mercy** so that in me, the **worst of sinners**, Christ Jesus might display his **unlimited patience** as an **example** for those who would believe in him and receive eternal life.”*

1 Timothy 1:13-16 (NIV)



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Invite someone to church or have a watch party.
Share my story of faith.

➤ **Which of these steps will help you grow in your faith?**

I Will Build Up Our Community Of Faith By:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Being Consistent in Worship | <input type="checkbox"/> Journaling through 1 John |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Signing up for a Small Group (Feb-March) | <input type="checkbox"/> Grief Share |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Finding a place to Serve: _____ | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hosting a small group in February | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Invite someone to church | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Share my story of faith with someone | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Affirm Our Vision & Budget for 2022 | |

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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

1. Share what your life was like before you knew Jesus:

[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. Share how and when you asked Jesus into your life; use a Bible verse:

[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.

*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. **John 3:16 (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. **Romans 10:9 (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. **Ephesians 2:8-9 (NIV)***

*For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Romans 6:23 (NIV)***

*Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God-- **John 1:12 (NIV)***

3. Share the difference you are seeing or starting to see because of Jesus:

[samples from others]

"I am not perfect. 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 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.