

# Vision 2014

Loving people to passionately follow Jesus

1. Grow in God's Word
2. Get Connected
3. Get Involved
4. Share God's Story





**St. Francis of Assisi said:**

“Preach the gospel at all times, and when necessary, use words.”

Romans 10:14: How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them?

# Share God's Story

## 1. Do not be ashamed of Christ

Matthew 10:32-33 Whoever acknowledges me before others, I will also acknowledge before my Father in heaven. <sup>33</sup> But whoever disowns me before others, I will disown before my Father in heaven.



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2. Pray, Pray, Pray because God wants all to be saved

2 Peter 3:9 ...Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

1 Thess. 5:17 Pray continually.

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**3. The Holy Spirit is the one that convinces and convicts people to change, not you!**

John 16:8-11    <sup>8</sup> When he comes, he will prove the world to be in the wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: <sup>9</sup> about sin, because people do not believe in me; <sup>10</sup> about righteousness, because I am going to the Father, where you can see me no longer; <sup>11</sup> and about judgment, because the prince of this world now stands condemned.

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## 4. Trust the Holy Spirit as to what to say

Luke 12:11-12 <sup>11</sup> When you are brought before synagogues, rulers and authorities, do not worry about how you will defend yourselves or what you will say, <sup>12</sup> for the Holy Spirit will teach you at that time what you should say.

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## 5. Have something prepared

1 Peter 3:15 But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have.



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## 6. Some will choose to reject Christ

Romans 1:20-21 <sup>20</sup> For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse. <sup>21</sup> For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened.

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7. People come to faith in Christ in God's time....not your time

8. Be intentional

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## 9. Find points of common ground as a 'bridge' to share the gospel.

Acts 17:22-23 <sup>22</sup> So Paul, standing before the council, addressed them as follows: "Men of Athens, I notice that you are very religious in every way, <sup>23</sup> for as I was walking along I saw your many shrines. And one of your altars had this inscription on it: 'To an Unknown God.' This God, whom you worship without knowing, is the one I'm telling you about.

<sup>28</sup> For in him we live and move and exist. As some of your own poets have said, 'We are his offspring.'