# Vision 2014

# Four People

Everybody Somebody Anybody Nobody

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Loving people to passionately follow Jesus

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



#### Genesis 1:26-28, 31, 2:15-18

<sup>26</sup> Then God said, "Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground." 27 So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. 28 God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground."...<sup>31</sup> God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the sixth day.

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<sup>15</sup>The LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it. <sup>16</sup> And the LORD God commanded the man, "You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; <sup>17</sup> but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die."

#### 1. God Created us to serve



#### 2. We are all pastors, priests, and ministers

1 Peter 2:9-10: <sup>9</sup> But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. <sup>10</sup> 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.

 Getting Involved helps you Get connected

### 1.) Serve where you are gifted

Romans 12:4-8: 4 For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, 5 so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. 6 We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; 7 if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; 8 if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.

### 2.) Be willing to be held accountable

Hebrews 13:12: <sup>17</sup> Have confidence in your leaders and submit to their authority, because they keep watch over you as those who must give an account. Do this so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no benefit to you.

### 3.) Commit long term



Galatians 6:9: Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.

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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?