

Vision Sunday 2020, Part 1
Acts 2:42-47
September 13, 2020

1. Pastor Dave says, “What’s happening in our world is so unlike anything that’s ever happened in our lifetimes. The playbook we were using before isn’t going to work anymore.” While our message and mission doesn’t change, the way we carry out our mission and communicate the message has. Discuss as a group the various ways you have adjusted your playbook in order to love God, love people, and serve the world during this time (both individually and as a group).
2. **The Chapel will be refreshingly non-political.** Beyond politics, our deepest problem is spiritual. That problem won’t be solved by getting the right person in office; and it won’t be solved by changing laws. We need somebody who can change our hearts, we need a Savior - and that is Jesus! One of the overall themes of Daniel is that earthly nations come and go, but the Kingdom of God will last forever. Daniel’s allegiance was to the Most High God. As we live in this world, how can we be like Daniel and serve Christ alone (rather than anyone or anything other than Christ)? How can you, as a small group, draw strength from each other by resolving to live for God together?
3. **Read Acts 2:42-47. The Chapel will be highly relational,** and small groups are one of the key places where relationships are built. Take a good look at the early church – how did they gather (when, where, how often); and what their attitude and mindset was. In verse 46, the phrase “day by day” means a “consistent and extended period of time or existence. Then, personally consider your small group’s attitude and mindset. Are there similarities/differences? What things are working well, what things could be improved going forward? Challenge your group members to be specific. Discuss additional ways you can be devoted “day by day” to God and to each other?
4. We are living in a time when the reputation of the church and Christians is declining. Moving forward, how do we re-engage our culture with a more pure gospel? Pastor Dave says it starts, “one person at a time, one relationship at a time.” Share with your group ONE person you can start with – be specific, and compile a list of people within your group. Commit to praying for these people and for opportunities to share with them in the next few weeks.

APPLICATION

End your group time praying together. Ask God for His wisdom in making necessary changes (adjusting your playbook) as we move forward. Pray to have a Kingdom-minded focus; wisdom to know when to step forward and speak up, and for the Spirit’s help in living a life that represents the gospel in a pure way, loving those He has placed in your life.