Matthew 28:16-20

FOOTBALL: If you aren’t a fan, let me explain: This week marks the beginning of the most and least exciting time for a browns fan:

most exciting because we are getting into the playoffs and the upcoming super bowl

least because as a browns fan I’ve never experienced it

popular question right now: Will Tom Brady, the goat QB, play for the patriots? Will he play for another team?

 Real question: does he have the desire to play at all? Does he have the desire left after accomplishing his goals?

I try not to use sports references, but I think in this moment, its similar with the church culture:

What separates a church body from being successful?

Must have dynamic vision to chase after instead of a list of goals to achieve

Insanity: "Doing the same thing over and over while expecting different results.”

I THINK we’ve allowed achieving goals to become more important than following vision.

Following Vision > Achieving Goals

Vision is:

\* Vehicle that keeps you on mission

\* Sustainable fuel for your mission

\* Ongoing process of achievement

Goals are:

\* Measurable destination that is celebrated

\* Benchmark to achieve

\* Finishing point to arrive to in order to make a new standard

WHEN YOU’VE ARRIVED, THERE’S NO REASON TO CONTINUE TO FIGHT…

This leads to spiritual apathy, which is KILLING the church today.

QUESTION: **How do we defeat spiritual apathy?** **Dynamic Vision.**

Steps to a dynamic vision

The Great Commission: Matthew 28:16-20

1. Obedience always precedes purpose (v 16)

 • "where Jesus told them to go"

 • He knew that the disciples had to be in the right place to receive the purpose

 • We want the spoils without fighting the war

 • When we don’t immediately get what we seek, we grow apathetic

 • step two can't happen if step one isn't taken

 • God may be waiting on you to be obedient first **(Matt 25: 14-30, parable of the**

**talents)** The last servant took what the Master gave him and buried it.

 **Why is this bad?** He made a bad investment but hiding it.

2. Powerful vision crushes the critics voice (v 17-19)

 • "they worshipped Him; but some doubted"

 • They had just been crushed by the resurrection and weren’t ready to trust

 • doubted: literally means *hesitated*.

 •Dynamic Vision will have its doubters – acknowledging that a vision that

is safe ≠ a vision that is dynamic

 • "all authority...therefore go"

• because Jesus has ALL AUTHORITY, He has authority over: sickness and disease, marriages and relationships, death and life, all rulers and principalities, generational chains, broken hearts and anger…**BECAUSE HE HAS AUTHORITY OVER ALL OF THESE THINGS, WE HAVE BEEN GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE AN INCREDIBLE MISSION WITH A DYNAMIC VISION…WHICH IS TO…**

 • “make disciples of all nations”

 • NOTICE: it doesn’t say make converts and build numbers

 • Make disciples

 • Baptize them in the name of the Trinity

 • Teaching them to obey everything Jesus has commanded

 • This purpose is different from what Jesus himself did on earth!

 • baptizing and obeying are goals of the vision

3. Purpose makes the sacrifice worthy

 \* "obey everything I have commanded you"

 • how do we begin to accomplish this?

 • God’s law vs. Man’s law

 • Sacrifice without purpose begins to taste bitter in our hearts

 • The payoff is for other people’s souls

 \* "I am with you always"

 • how to not lose heart: sustained by the Holy Spirit

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Trailside's Goals for 2019:

1. Gain a semi-permanent location in order to launch regular ministries

2. Double the congregation

**Problem: we thought achieving goals would accomplish our mission**

**We achieved them, and then fought apathy**

**VISION that is dynamic is the gas in the tank.**

Trailside's Vision for 2020:

1. A starfish commission

 \* Co: \_\_\_\_(together - partnership)

 \* Mission: \_\_\_\_(calling)

 STARFISH PROBLEM

2. Change what we care about

 \* The vision of the church must be owned by the church

 \* Spiritual Conversations Matter

 \* 3 T Giving

 \* \_\_\_\_(Time)

 \* \_\_\_\_(Talent)

 \* \_\_\_\_(Treasure)

 Without personal ownership of the mission, we will struggle forever

 Time is your most valuable possession: **we don’t want to waste it.**

Talent is your God given ability: **we don’t want to misutilize it.**

 Treasure is giving back what God has given you: **we don’t want to mismanage it.**

 Note: Josh, Financial Report coming

3. Ownership in discipleship and Community

 \* new \_\_\_\_(staff). Doug and Carmen, Josh, Hanna

 \* new \_\_\_\_(pastors) Ordaining pastors

 \* Starts with next week serve team training

 Equipping followers of Christ to be fishers of men

 Facilitating opportunity for marriages to matter

Is your 2020 full of \*\*goals\*\* or does it contain \*\*vision\*\*?