

# Covenant Community

## DEAREST PLACE ON EARTH

### COVENANT COMMUNITY | SESSION THREE VISION & MISSION

#### GETTING STARTED

Vision statements have the ability to inspire and motivate others towards a common goal or concept. Consider the following vision statements from familiar companies:

Amazon: *“To be Earth’s most customer-centric company, where customers can find and discover anything they might want to buy online.”*

IKEA: *“To create a better everyday life for the many people.”*

Apple: *“To make the best products on earth, and to leave the world better than we found it.”*

At a glance, it’s easy to recognize that every decision made by these companies is influenced by their overarching vision.

Summit View’s vision statement: to see a movement of disciple-making churches advancing God’s Kingdom throughout the world.

How do you think Summit View’s vision statement impacts the decision we make as a church? How important do you think it is for the whole body of Summit View to fully understand and be in alignment with it? Why?

#### QUESTION 1

Read Acts 2:42-47. The early church devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. In your own words, fill in the table below:

	What is it?	Why is it important for Christ followers to be devoted to this?
Apostles’ teaching		
Fellowship		
Breaking of Bread		
Prayers		

#### QUESTION 2

In the Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20), Jesus tells us to go and make disciples; how would you define a good disciple? What are the characteristics of a committed disciple?

**Follow Up:** Whose role is it to make disciples? Why do you think some of us shy away from it?

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#### QUESTION 3

The word Christian only appears 3 times in the Bible, but the word disciple appears 269 times! What does this tell you? What is the difference between a Christian and a disciple?

#### QUESTION 4

What are some of the necessary elements for successful discipleship?

#### QUESTION 5

Read Acts 1:8. In this passage, we are called God's witnesses. What are the practical implications of that delineation? (i.e. not His lawyer or judge)

**Follow Up:** In the passage, Luke refers to specific tiers of geographical influence (Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and to the ends of the Earth). In your own sphere of influence, what might be categorized as your "Jerusalem" (city you live in), Judea (county), "Samaria" (cross-cultural locally), and the ends of the Earth (global)? How might you prayerfully take steps to live out the call to be a witness in those spaces?

#### QUESTION 6

Read Ephesians 4:11-16. What does the passage say about the purpose of the church?

**Follow Up:** How might you champion those purposes within the context of the local church you call home?

#### APPLICATION & PRAYER

##### SUMMIT VIEW VISION

TO SEE A MOVEMENT OF  
*disciple making churches* ADVANCING  
GOD'S KINGDOM THROUGHOUT  
THE WORLD.

##### SUMMIT VIEW MISSION

TO *equip* AND *empower* THE BODY  
OF CHRIST TO LEAD AND IMPACT  
EVERY SPHERE OF LIFE WITH  
GOSPEL-CENTERED LIVING.

Spend some time considering and discussing as a group how you sense God might be inviting you to further step into the vision and mission of Summit View Church. How might you, as a disciple of Jesus, reorient your life to embody that of a disciple-maker?

2 Thessalonians 3:1 reads, "Finally, brothers, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may speed ahead and be honored, as happened among you." Close your time praying together for the gospel to spread throughout Vancouver, Clark County, SW Washington, Portland Metro-Area, and the world as we step out in faith to proclaim it.