

## Vision Sunday 2023

Our mission: To lead people into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ, by creating environments that encourage and equip people to pursue intimacy with God, community with insiders and influence with outsiders.

### Key Scriptures

Matt. 28:18-20 <sup>18</sup> And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. <sup>19</sup> "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> "teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen.

**Timothy 2:2** And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.

**Key Point:** In whatever a church may be involved in, its main focus must always be in making more and better disciples of Jesus Christ.

## TALK IT OVER

**Start talking:** Pick a conversation starter for your group.

- Without looking at this page, are you able to state the mission of Grace Point Church?

**Start thinking.** Ask questions to get your group thinking.

- Why is it important for a church to periodically revisit its vision and mission?
- According to Matthew 28:18-20 and 2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy 2:2, what is involved in making more and better disciples of Jesus Christ?
- How did the resurrection of Jesus change Mary and Mary Magdalene (Matt 28:1-10), and how should it change our lives?

**Start sharing.** Choose a question to create openness.

- Why is it important for followers of Christ to believe that Jesus has all authority on heaven and earth, and that He is with us to the end of the age?
- Why is it essential to care about others enough to make disciples?
- What are some practical ways we can help others grow in their relationship with Jesus?
- How can a church create an atmosphere that is welcoming to new people and non-Christians while holding true to New Testament teaching?

**Start doing.** Commit to a step and live it out this week!

- Since Jesus has all authority on earth and in heaven, how should this truth impact the way you interact with the world around you this week? How will you be faithful in making disciples this week?

**Prayer Requests.** It may be helpful to pray the scriptures back to God.

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