

Vision Sunday 2026

Key Scriptures:

Matt 9:37-38 Then He said to His disciples, "The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few. ³⁸ "Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest."

Matt. 28:18-20 "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. ¹⁹ "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, ²⁰ "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."

John 10:27-29 ²⁷ My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸ I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹ My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand.

John 18:37-38 Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice." ³⁸ Pilate said to Him, "What is truth?"

John 14:5-6 Thomas said to Him, "Lord, we do not know where You are going, and how can we know the way?" ⁶ Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

1 Corinthians 3:6 Paul planted the seed, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase.

Key Point: The church must stay focused on its mission by knowing God, building authentic community, and courageously engaging those outside the faith with the gospel of Jesus Christ.

TALK IT OVER

Start talking: Pick a conversation starter for your group.

- If you had to give a short mission statement for your life right now, what would it be? (*"Drink coffee and survive Monday."* *"Raise kids and keep them alive."* *"Finish projects I started."* Other?)

Steps of faith: Reflect on your recent walk with Christ.

- Share with the group a step of faith you recently took. If you don't have a personal example, can you think of someone else's step of faith that has been encouraging or inspiring to you.

Reflect, Think, & Share: Read through the key scriptures used in this week's message about our vision as a church, and share any observations or questions with the group.

- Why is it important for a church to regularly remind itself of its mission and vision?
- What are some ways individuals—or churches—can slowly drift away from their mission without realizing it?
- Our vision at Grace Point centers on knowing God and His Word, authentic community, and purposeful outreach. Which of these three areas do you think is most challenging for believers today? Which is the most challenging for you? Why?
- How does knowing God's Word help believers navigate a confusing world?
- Jesus said His sheep know His voice (John 10), and everyone who is of the truth hears His voice (John 18). What are some practical ways we can grow in recognizing and responding to God's voice through Scripture?
- Kyle mentioned the "one another" passages that occur around 59 times in the New Testament. This shows us that real spiritual growth happens in authentic community. Why do you think meaningful relationships are essential for discipleship?
- What are some ways Christians can intentionally build deeper relationships with one another?
- What are some ways Christians can intentionally build relationships with non-Christians to love them like Jesus and plant seeds of the gospel?

Start doing: The sermon challenged everyone to take **three next steps:** a step deeper in knowing God, a step into richer community or serving, a step of courage in sharing your faith. Which of these steps do you feel God might be prompting you to take this year?

Prayer: Do you have any specific decisions or areas of life where you could use prayer from others asking God to guide you? If you feel comfortable, share these issues with your study group so that they can pray with you and for you.

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