

## One church's vision statement:

(courtesy Capitol Hill Baptist Church, Washington, D.C.)

1. To encourage workers on the field and to partner with them in a manner worthy of God.
  - a. Support fewer missionaries to the glory of God
  - b. Support our workers spiritually, not just financially.
  - c. Concentrate our resources on a specific region and with a specific entity.
    - i. Central Asia
    - ii. The International Mission Board (IMB)
  - d. Meaningful short-term trips that are really helpful to people on the field.
    - i. Looking for field-driven requests
    - ii. Looking for ways to encourage CP workers.
    - iii. A lot of childcare and service
2. To keep the local church central in our missionary engagement.
  - a. Healthy church life for all our members
  - b. Each member called to be involved in global evangelism
  - c. Sending CHBC members out in church planting teams that function almost as a small church themselves.
  - d. In-church training before being sent out
3. To focus on church planting among unreached people groups
  - a. A particular focus on Central Asia.
  - b. A focus on evangelism that results in churches not isolated Christians
4. A vision of mission that naturally flows from a broad Biblical worldview
  - a. Focusing on preaching the Word, not on Missions itself.
  - b. Focus on general Christian growth and well-rounded maturity.
  - c. Focus on encouraging fruitfulness locally for every CHBC member

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## Mission: Life in light of God's glory

Week 5

*Men must know God. That is the one thing they must do. And this can mean nothing less than that God is eminently worthy to be known in all the length and breadth and height and depth of His Character. The Christian is a God-explorer. The Christian vision is the vision of God.*

*The missionary vision is the vision of God also. It is not something different from the Christian vision. It is the same vision being shared rather than merely enjoyed. It is the same vision being shared with men who have no natural taste for it, in the hope that God will create that taste so that they too will become "God-admirers." Sharing the vision of God—that is the work of missions.*

- Tom Wells, in *A Vision for Missions*

*It is too small a thing for you to be my servant to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back those of Israel I have kept. I will also make you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring my salvation to the ends of the earth.*

Isaiah 49:6

*His intent was [and is] that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms, according to his eternal purpose which he accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

Ephesians 3:10-11

*After this I looked and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and in front of the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. And they cried out in a loud voice: "Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne and to the Lamb!"*

Revelation 7:9-10

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Thank you for joining our class!

## Practices of world Christians:

### 1. Going

- Consider how to evangelize in your life now.
- Pray and consider whether you should go out.
- Talk to other Christians you respect, even if you don't feel called.
- Talk to the pastors early on in your thoughts.
- Consider involvement in a short-term overseas opportunity.
- Talk with people who have gone out for the sake of his name.

#### Short-term mission work

- What does it look like? Is it biblical? Is it helpful?
  - Encouragement to long-term workers
  - Test a call to long-term work
  - Make disciples!
- How can we maximize short-term efforts?
  - Learn about the culture you will visit.
  - Return to the same place time and again.
  - Know and partner with any local believers.
  - Maintain year-round relationships with folks in country.
  - Recognize that a trip won't form spiritual disciplines you aren't already pursuing.

### 2. Welcoming

- Neighbors and coworkers
- Students
  - International Friends – Jotham M.
  - Gospel Grace Campus Fellowship – Jared M.
- Refugees
  - South Parc tutoring – Kaela M.

### 3. Sending

III John 5-8: *“Dear friend, you are faithful in what you are doing for the brothers, even though they are strangers to you. They have told the church about your love. You will do well to send them on their way in a manner worthy of God. It was for the sake of the Name that they went out, receiving no help from the pagans. We ought therefore to show hospitality to such men so that we may work together for the truth.”*

- As a church
- As individuals

### 4. Mobilizing

- Formally – joining an organization, recruiting people to go, helping with logistics, fundraising
- Informally – encouraging the church, helping people learn about mission work

## Disciplines to which we're all called:

- Community
- Prayer
- Simplicity
- Learning