

## New Beginnings: New Life, New Hope, New Vision

... And if Christ has not been raised, then your faith is useless and you are still guilty of your sins. In that case, all who have died believing in Christ are lost! And if our hope in Christ is only for this life, we are more to be pitied than anyone in the world. - 1 Corinthians 15:17-19 (NLT)

Without the Resurrection, there would be nothing **N**\_\_\_\_\_.

*For I am about to do something new. See, I have already begun! Do you not see it? I will make a pathway through the wilderness. I will create rivers in the dry wasteland. - Isaiah 43:19 (NLT)*

- I. **God is in the business of r\_\_\_\_\_ things.** God's resurrection power works **i** us, **t**\_\_\_\_\_ us, and **f**\_\_\_\_\_ us!

... and his incomparably great power for us who believe. **That power is the same** as the mighty strength he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, far above all rule and authority, power and dominion - Ephesians 1:18-21

- God gives new **H**\_\_\_\_\_ for Broken Dreams
- God gives new **L**\_\_\_\_\_ for Damaged Relationships
- God gives new **L**\_\_\_\_\_ in Jesus Christ
- God gives new **V**\_\_\_\_\_ for our Church

Now to Him who is able to do **far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think**, according to the power that works within us, to Him be the glory in the church ... - Ephesians 3:20-21 (NASB)

- II. God is the **D**\_\_\_\_\_ of the Impossible!

*For nothing will be impossible with God." – Luke 1:37*

- We need a B.H.A.G. (Big Hairy Audacious Goal – John Maxwell) so that all the **g**\_\_\_\_\_ will go to God.

*Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labor in vain. – Psalm 127:1*

- III. God gives new **L**\_\_\_\_\_! **New Vision for our Church**

*Ezekiel 37:1-6 (Valley of the Dry Bones)*

- We will do **W**\_\_\_\_\_ God wants (5 Purposes of the Church).
- We will do it **H**\_\_\_\_\_ he wants it done (Biblical Principles)
- We will do it the **W**\_\_\_\_\_ He wants it done (C.R.E.W.)
  - C**\_\_\_\_\_ (Isaiah 43:19, Psalm 96:1)
  - R**\_\_\_\_\_ (Acts 17:22-31)
  - E**\_\_\_\_\_ (Exodus 18:13-26, Mark 6:7-9)
  - W**\_\_\_\_\_ (Matthew 10:42, 2 Timothy 4:8, Matthew 25:23)

## The Vision of our Church

It is the Vision to see a **Community** where the overlooked and forgotten, the broken, the lonely and the confused can find Love, Acceptance, Significance, Hope, Healing, Forgiveness, and Direction. We want to be **a place to Belong and a place to Be who God created you to be.**

It is the Dream of a new church that is **truly diverse** – with emphasis on being Multi-cultural, multi-ethnic, multi –generational even multi-lingual. People from different backgrounds and walks of life, all **celebrating who we are and how God made us.** We will have worship that is diverse as well, expressing both our harmony and diversity being especially sensitive to those outside the mainstream of American Christianity.

It is the Hope of cultivating a healthy, vibrant, and diverse **family** of 2000+ members right here in the heart of Sacramento and reaching thousands more with the life changing message of Christ through satellites, new churches, and ministries both near and far. **We must not stop reaching out until all have heard the Good News.**

It is the Mission to equip and empower **every member to serve** in his or her unique gifting as a beautiful **expression of God’s image** as His new creation in Christ.

It is our Aim to **train and inspire Christian workers** such as missionaries, church planters, evangelists, musicians and artists, and other ministry specialists and technicians, sent out from our family to **do God’s work around the world.**

It is the Aspiration of becoming a powerful resource for **developing followers of Christ** into Maturity and Ministry through various media, (art and music), curriculum, and Christian education, specializing in the **children of immigrants** and other **overlooked people groups.** We will be both a center and online resource.

It is the Desire to someday build a **beautiful, spacious Campus** with a large main auditorium and fellowship spaces, youth building, recreation center, recording/production studio, cafés, gardens, ponds and places for meditation, prayer chapel, in an inspiring park like setting,

This is my dream and I hope that you will join with me in making it yours as well. Together in the name of Jesus Christ for His kingdom and glory we can see this become reality, bit by bit, year by year, changed life by changed life. Come let us adore Him!

“If I be lifted up, I will draw all men to Me.” – Jesus Christ (John 12:32)

### Answer Key:

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I. renewing; in; through; for; a) Hope b) Love c) Life d) Vision

II. Doer; a) glory

III. Life; a) what b) how c) way; creative; relevant; efficient; worthwhile