

Getting Our Vision Focused

...to impart to you the gospel and our very lives as well... 1 Thessalonians 2:5-13

Our vision is to impart the gospel and our very lives in life-sharing community.

Life-sharing elements:

- 1. _____

as a nursing mother
as a father with his own children

Apply: Am I growing on-purpose _____ **or...**
 am I a _____ of _____?

- 2. _____

Having so fond an affection for you
very dear to us

Apply: Is my affection for _____ **or...**
 do I _____?

- 3. _____

to impart to you

Apply: Am I giving away the _____ **of life**
or...
 will I leave behind a _____ of
 _____?

Challenge: What's _____ in your future?

We strongly encourage you to join a small group in a *Life-sharing Adventure*

20/20 Vision Prayer Guide

Life-sharing Adventure groups can discuss briefly and share those that God highlights for each person. Pray for these community commitments, values & processes to become a part of each life, your small group and SSEFC DNA!

Pray for your personal commitment to community at SSEFC and the resulting spread of a culture of covenant community and family in our church.

1. **We are all committed to journeying together IN COMMUNITY.**
 - *We will pursue God and mission in community, not simply solo-spirituality (aka Lone Ranger, Western Independence).*
 - *We will value and pursue relationships, not simply business.*
 - *We are about process and life-transformation, not numbers and buildings.*
 - *We are motivated by God's glory and our joy, not drivenness.*

2. **We are personally committed to AUTHENTICITY.**
 - *We will strive to be real with God and others about our own brokenness.*
 - *We will work hard pursuing authentic relationships with others by speaking truth in an environment of unconditional (agape) love.*
 - *We're committed to faithful communication and actively pursuing peacemaking through biblical conflict resolution.*

3. **We are personally committed to INCARNATIONAL ministry.**
 - *We strive to live moment by moment in complete dependence on Jesus, rather than mechanically functioning by rules, traditions or "what we've always done."*
 - *We commit ourselves to growing a life of faith by consistent times of prayer, worship, community fellowship and meditation in God's Word.*
 - *We will invite the life of Christ to permeate every area of our lives as we surrender to Him our time, talents and treasures (real substance of life).*
 - *We will live generously by submitting to God's ownership and **GIVING OURSELVES AWAY** – including our very hearts, values, treasures, gifts and ministries.*
 - *We will trust God by investing all that we truly value in the next generations of Christ followers – thus **denying the idolatrous trust** in "my stuff, image, talents, control, position, possession, ego..."*

4. **We are personally committed to MISSIONAL LIVING.**
 - *We will live with an open heart to the needs and brokenness around us...
...building **on-purpose relationships** with people far from God
...**crossing** racial, economic and social **barriers**
...**praying** "on the spot" for people in need– at church, in the market, work
...**meeting people** in their darkest and most desperate neediness to offer
compassion, prayer and gospel Life/hope/transformation/resurrection.*
 - *We will abide in Christ to share His very Life and grow His spiritual fruit.
...continually calling on Jesus to personally **indwell us and fill us** with His
Spirit, love, hope, joy and power.
...Constantly reminding ourselves that **Jesus is the Life** that we share (source and substance) so it's not our life and we're not the Savior.*