

### 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. Family Relationships

*as a nursing mother*

*as a father with his own children*

We envision building life-sharing \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_.

**Apply: Am I growing on-purpose relationships or am I a consumer of relationships?**

#### 2. \_\_\_\_\_

*Having so fond an affection for you  
very dear to us*

We share the gospel most effectively if we also share the

"\_\_\_\_\_."

- Needs "\_\_\_\_\_ " to deal with our \_\_\_\_\_.
- Needs \_\_\_\_\_.

*To be genuinely \_\_\_\_\_ we must first be \_\_\_\_\_, or we will only be loved for who we \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_.*

We envision building \_\_\_\_\_ to deal with our messes.

We envision growing in \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

**Apply: Is my affection for \_\_\_\_\_ or...  
do I \_\_\_\_\_ like \_\_\_\_\_?**

**Challenge:** When I pass on, will I pass on Real \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_?

The ultimate transfer, is the transfer of \_\_\_\_\_.

*Impart to you*

We can share life only by \_\_\_\_\_ ours \_\_\_\_\_!

## 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.*