

GRACE COMMUNION RICHARDSON
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#WeAreGR: Our Vision And Mission (Oct. 18, 2020)

MAIN SCRIPTURES: John 17:3; 13:34-35; Matt.5:14-16; 22:37-40; 28:19-20

Main Point: At Grace Communion Richardson we claim our identity in Christ Jesus as our primary identity. It informs our values and our vision and mission. Our vision is *to know Jesus and to make him known, joining him in making disciples through relationships of love*. Our mission is to live out this vision *through worship, fellowship, and community outreach by the power of the Holy Spirit*. Let's look at what this means with a **focus on our vision**.

Our vision *to know Jesus and to make him known, joining him in making disciples through relationships of love*. This flows from our identity in Jesus, what Jesus is about, and what he invites us to participate in him together.

John 17:3; 13:34-35 – The Triune God – Father, Son and Spirit – desires to give us eternal life. This eternal life involves *knowing* God through Jesus, it is about relationship of love and joy in his Jesus as God's own children.

John 17:22-24; Heb. 2:9-13 – It is also described as bringing many sons and daughters into glory.

Luke 13:29 – And sharing with them and expanding the kingdom of God. We share in this vision and mission of Jesus.

To have your identity in Christ is to know and accept Christ, to be a new creation in him, to accept Jesus as the ideal image of God's best life for you – accepting his life in your heart and mind through his Spirit, living out what he says and stands for, accepting him as your brother and friend, Lord and Master, and King of your life as his disciple and helping make other disciples of Jesus.