

GRACE COMMUNION RICHARDSON
Sermon Facebook Livestream

#WeAreGR: Our Vision And Mission 2 (Oct. 25, 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, family fellowship, and community outreach by the power of the Holy Spirit*. Let's look at what this means with a **focus on our mission**.

Our mission is to *know Jesus and to make him known through worship, family fellowship, and community outreach by the power of the Holy Spirit*. This flows from our identity in Jesus. Jesus invites us to participate in his mission of love and joy of giving eternal life, making disciples, bringing many sons and daughters to glory and expanding his kingdom. **Matt. 28:18-20** – Jesus has all authority. We participate in what he is doing and asking us to do. Go = “as you are going,” as we live our lives in love. To make disciples involves sharing the love and truth of who God is in Jesus and what he has done/doing for us.

Matt. 5:14-16 – It involves sharing the loving good works of God with others – our community. Eph. 2:8-10

Matt. 22:37-40 – We do this out of love and because of love of God and neighbor. We do so through our **values of worship, family fellowship, and community or neighborhood outreach/engagement**.

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.

We recognize that God gives us worship as a gift, our understanding of the hope that is Jesus for us and our response of gratitude and praise. We invite others to share in this hope. We recognize family fellowship as a wonderful invitation God gives us in Jesus to be part of the family he is making, to grow in faith and in the grace and knowledge and life of Jesus. We share this family fellowship with others because God does not intend for any of us to do life alone. We are better together.

We recognize community or neighborhood engagement as our intentional opportunity to join Jesus in sharing his love, the good news of his salvation, grace and truth and invitation to all through word and deed with our neighbors.

Question: What about you? Do you desire a life of purpose, or meaning, a mission-driven life of love in Jesus? Are you participating in Jesus' life and mission of love of sharing with others the hope, faith, and love of Jesus? I pray you do. Go to Jesus for clarity in joining his life and mission of love. Reach out, if you need help figuring out what to do and how to do it. We are interested in you and in doing life together.