

UP, IN, OUT:

Is there something we can be doing as a group to reach out to people this December? Let's take a few minutes to make a plan!

OPEN:

This coming Sunday, Nick will unpack what he refers to as the Vision Frame for our church. What are we trying to do? What are we to be about? The elders of VCC believe that we are to be about three primary things. As a church, we exist for the glory of God, the good of His people, and the growth of His kingdom. Today, we're going to spend some time looking at Bible passages that lead us in this direction.

Glory of God (UP):

As a group, try to come up with a definition of Glory. If you use a dictionary, make sure you nuance the definition to refer to the glory of God, and not just glory in general.

Read the following passages and discuss what they tell us about the glory of God and our role in bringing glory to God. You may need to investigate the context to make sense of these.

Isaiah 43:7, Isaiah 43:21, 1 Cor 10:31, Matthew 5:16, John 15:8, 1 Peter 2:9-12

Good of His People (IN):

While God is God over all people, and all people ultimately belong to Him, He also chooses people to be His own in special ways. In the OT, God chose the people of Israel to be His special people. In the New Testament, God has chosen the church - all those saved by Jesus - as His chosen people. God has brought us together as a local church in order to grow us in to mature followers of Jesus. We exist for the good of each other and to help each other grow in Christ-likeness. Read the following passages and discuss how we can help each other grow in Christ.

Matthew 28:18-20, Luke 9:23-24, Psalm 1:1-3, 2 Timothy 3:16-17, John 13:34-35, 1 Corinthians 12:7, Colossians 3:1-17

Growth of His Kingdom (OUT):

There are different ways that the Kingdom of God is talked about in the Bible. Read the following passages and discuss what the Kingdom of God, what it's not, how one is part of it, how it grows, etc.

Psalm 24:1, Psalm 103:19, Daniel 4:3, Romans 13:1, John 18:36, 1 Corinthians 15:50, Matthew 4:17, Mark 1:14-15, John 3:1-6, Matthew 28:18-20, Romans 10:13-15, Mark 4:26-31, Matthew 6:33

PRAY:

Spend some time praying for VCC as we seek to move forward with what God has called our church to be about. Pray for our UP, IN, and OUT. Pray for our giving to increase so that we can move forward strategically. Pray that God will use us for His glory, our good, and the growth of His kingdom.