

Vision Sunday: Open Doors

*(Revelation 3:7-8 NLT) "This is the message from the one who is holy and true, the one who has the key of David. What he opens, no one can close; and what he closes, no one can open: "I know all the things you do, and **I have opened a door for you** that no one can close."*

Mission - Why are we doing this?

Vision - What are we clearly doing?

Why?

Our Mission - To help those who are far from God find hope through a life-giving relationship with Jesus Christ.

*(Philippians 1:15-17 NIV) "It is true that some preach Christ out of envy and rivalry, but others out of goodwill. The latter do so **out of love**... The former preach Christ out of selfish ambition."*

*(John 3:16 ESV) "For **God so loved** the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life."*

What?

The Great Commission is what God has called every Christian to do.

(Matthew 28:18-20 NKJV) "And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen."

✓ **Know God - "make disciples of all the nations"**

✓ **Find Freedom - "baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son and of the Holy Spirit"**

✓ **Discover Purpose - "teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you"**

✓ **Make a Difference - "Go therefore"**

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(Isaiah 45:1-3 NIV) "This is what the Lord says to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I take hold of to subdue nations before him and to strip kings of their armor, to open doors before him so that gates will not be shut: **I will go before you** and will level the mountains ; **I will break down** gates of bronze and cut through bars of iron. **I will give you** hidden treasures, riches stored in secret places, so that you may know that I am the Lord , the God of Israel, who summons you by name."

1. Take His hand.

(Hebrews 6:12 NIV) "We do not want you to become lazy, but to imitate those who through **faith and patience** inherit what has been promised."

(Hebrews 10:39 NIV) "But we do not belong to those who shrink back and are destroyed, but to those who **have faith** and are saved."

2. Walk through the challenges.

(1 Corinthians 16:9 NASB) "For a wide door for effective service has opened to me, and there are many **adversaries**."

(Philippians 2:12-13 NIV) "Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed—not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence—continue to **work out your salvation** with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose."

3. Steward the blessing.

(Luke 12:48 NKJV) "For everyone to whom much is given, from him **much will be required**; and to whom much has been committed, of him they will ask the more."

(Luke 16:10 NIV) "Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be **trusted with much**, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much."