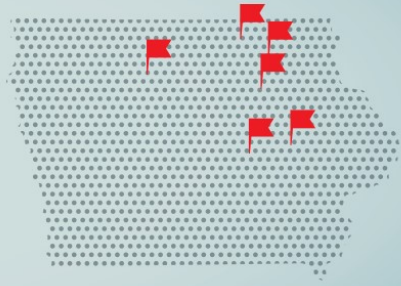


20 VISION 18 WEEKEND

— JANUARY 20/21 —

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INTRODUCTION

This week Pastor John presented the vision for PLC, based on 2 Corinthians 5:14-15. Christ's love compels us to live our lives differently. We shouldn't be compelled by religious guilt, people pleasing or a fear of failure. Our vision for Iowa is to "close the gap" so we can launch one campus a year and help twenty other churches get better. We want to reach our "Big Iowa" by reaching our "Little Iowa" with Christ's love and the message, "No matter who you are, where you've been, what you've done or what's been done to you, you can look for God here."

DISCUSSION

1. Share with your group your first experience or exposure to Prairie Lakes Church. How long have you been attending or watching? What was your first impression of the church body and pastor? What would you say to people who might be "kicking the tires" about church?
2. We will reach "Big Iowa" by reaching our "Little Iowa" for Christ through discipleship relationships. Is there someone in your life, past or present, who discipled you? How did that impact your life? Are you currently in a discipleship relationship with someone in your circle? If not, who do you think might be a good fit for your age and stage of life? Discuss.
3. Read through 2 Corinthians 5:14-15 together. Discuss what it looks like to "live for him who died for them." Take a few minutes to pray for what Christ is compelling your group to do to reach your "Little Iowa."

THINK ABOUT IT

This week's baptisms are a symbol of new life in Christ, a commitment to follow Him and reach out those who do not know Him. When our focus is on our relationship with Jesus, all He has done for us, how He loves us and how He promises new life in Him, our doubts and fears about delivering His message to our fellow sojourners fades away. The chorus of this popular hymn of decades ago shares this marvelous truth: "Turn your eyes upon Jesus, Look full in His wonderful face, And the things of earth will grow strangely dim, In the light of His glory and grace."

DO SOMETHING

1. Read 2 Corinthians 5 every day this week, and pray for God to reveal ways you can "live for Him." Journal about your next step[s].
2. Be intentional in investing in another person's life! If you are currently not in a discipleship relationship, pray about who God would have you disciple. We also need people in our lives to disciple us! If you do not have a mentor, pray also for someone to come alongside you and help you in your faith journey.
3. As a group, discuss what you prayed about in Discussion Question #3. Is there a person or group you need to reach out to, invest in or bless? Take time at your next meeting to plan an event or invite opportunity.

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