

Mission/Vision in the Form of a Story Part II

John 14: 1-14

Why did Jesus need to ascend?
Greater things

My hopes for our time together

- We pray
- We meet
- We discern a mission/vision/ in a form of a compelling story
- We discern next steps (worship, missions, outreach, discipleship) that are low stakes (unless we discern a BHAG)
- We discern a discipleship process
- We discern a leadership training process
- We thrive in God's purpose for us

Review

- Session 1
 - What does a thriving/healthy church look like
 - How do we get there
 - Mission
 - Vision
 - Mission and vision as a story
 - Pathway for discernment
 - Prayer
 - Questions
- Session 2
 - Mission and Vision
 - Values
 - Defining Goals
 - Church Structure
 - Church Schedule
 - Discipleship Pathway
- Session 3
 - Church Life Cycles
 - SWOT Analysis
- Session 4-Demographics
- Session 5-Reaching the Next Generation
- Session 6-Our Story
- Session 7-What If We Could Do Anything?

- Session 8 – An Outside View
- Session 9—Mission and Vision in the Form of a Story Part I

Opening Thought-StoryBrand

Principles from the former StoryBrand Podcast

If you confuse - you lose

Noise is the enemy

Creating a clear message is the best way to grow your business

Read through previous discernments

- For me the mission of the church is to encourage others by sharing the goodness of God that brings inner peace
- To meet all peoples where they are and share God's love to heal the brokenness in/of our world – Maryann Horner
- Leading people to Jesus to praise and serve God according to his purpose-Wendy
- The church being our center in a chaotic world...the church being a welcoming place in a chaotic world-Cathy
- Connecting people to Jesus
- Connecting people to God
- Making Jesus real to our community
- Being Good News for Middletown by creating moments of gratitude, joy, and community
- Offering Jesus to Middletown one person at a time
- Experiencing the life changing love of Jesus in our time together and in our community
- Sharing the life changing love of Jesus with Middletown
- Growing in love with God, our community, and the world together
- Laboring in faith, growing in love, offering hope to our community

Time to discuss and discern mission statement

Closing Thought

John 15: 1-12

Connected to the vine

Bearing Fruit

Enveloped in love

Closing Prayer