

Vision Sunday — WE ARE FAMILY

The Book of Colossians — EPISODE 7 (Colossians 3:16-17)

We are **ADVANCING**.

Hope grows in our imagination.

Colossians 3:16–17 (NLT) - ¹⁶ Let the message about Christ, in all its richness, fill your lives. Teach and counsel each other with all the wisdom he gives. Sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs to God with thankful hearts. ¹⁷ And whatever you do or say, do it as a representative of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through him to God the Father.

I want to see the message of Christ fill your life.

I want you to see yourself as a minister and priest.

Vision + Hope I see now: A people becoming radiant

The hope I see for tomorrow: A Sanctuary for God's people to gather and encounter Him.

OUR ASK

(1) Attend. We have three *identical* information meetings at the church. Pick one to attend:

- **Wednesday, February 28 at 7 pm**
- **Sunday, March 3 at 5 pm**
- **Saturday, March 9 at 9 am**

(2) Pray. Begin asking God the amount He wants you to give and commit.

(3) Commit. We will bring our commitments during our services on *Sunday, March 17*. We also will give a first offering.

(4) Give. We want to be faithful, generous, and obedient to fulfill the commitment God is leading us to make above our regular giving.

2 Corinthians 9:6–8

“6 Remember this—a farmer who plants only a few seeds will get a small crop. But the one who plants generously will get a generous crop. 7 You must each decide in your heart how much to give. And don’t give reluctantly or in response to pressure. “For God loves a person who gives cheerfully.” 8 And God will generously provide all you need. Then you will always have everything you need and plenty left over to share with others.”

We are a church built on the sacrifices of many, not the talents of a few.

God has always prioritized making a way to dwell in His people and among His people.

Exodus 25:8 — “Have the people of Israel build me a holy sanctuary so I can live among them.”

PRACTICING THE WAY

As disciples of Jesus, we know our allegiance to Him as King is expressed in our daily practice. We are not pursuing perfection but want to practice our faith each day. These practices will point you toward spiritual formation as an apprentice (disciple) to Jesus.

Start the Bible Recap reading plan with a friend.

Recite this prayer each day:

Father, You long to dwell with your people. We long to honor you with our whole beings. Jesus, we want to be filled with Your abundant life. Holy Spirit, make us more like Jesus. Use us to be ministers to those around us, bringing faith to life.

Talk it Over (with friends, a spouse, or connect group)

- Read Colossians 3:15-17. What do you notice in this passage?
- Sunday's message was about advancing as a family. Did anything stand out to you or raise a question?
- We want Christ to fill our lives. What are some ways you keep Christ at the center in your decisions? What are some challenges to staying filled with Christ?
- We minister to each other. What are some ways people have ministered to you over the years?
- Read 2 Corinthians 9:1-15. What do you notice in this passage?
- Say the following prayer slowly as a group: *Father, You long to dwell with your people. We long to honor you with our whole beings. Jesus, we want to be filled with Your abundant life. Holy Spirit, make us more like Jesus. Use us to be ministers to those around us, bringing faith to life.*