

# **New Vision for the Future**

## **Spirit Empowered Church – Part 7**

Life Church St. Louis – April 7, 2024

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### **Pray Daily for your Five Friends Focus**

*Proverbs 29:18 (ESV) Where there is no prophetic vision the people cast off restraint, but blessed is he who keeps the law.*

*Hebrews 11:10 (ESV) For he [Abraham] was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God.*

*Jeremiah 29:11 (ESV) For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.*

## **1. Experience God's Spirit**

### **1A. Powerful Prayer**

*James 5:16 (ESV) Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.*

### **1B. Spirit-filled Worship**

*1 Corinthians 14:26 (ESV) What then, brothers? When you come together, each one has a hymn, a lesson, a revelation, a tongue, or an interpretation. Let all things be done for building up.*

### **1C. Gift-oriented Ministry**

*1 Corinthians 12:4-7 (ESV) Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.*

## **2. Spread God's Truth**

### **2A. Friendship Evangelism**

*1 Thessalonians 2:8 (ESV) So, being affectionately desirous of you, we were ready to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you had become very dear to us.*

### **2B. Engage in Global Missions**

*Matthew 28:19-20 (ESV) Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."*

### **2C. Ongoing Biblical Discipleship**

*2 Timothy 2:2 (ESV) and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.*

## **3. Share Life Together**

### **3A. Authentic Relationships**

*Romans 12:9-10 (ESV) Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor.*

### **3B. Welcoming Church**

*Hebrews 13:2 (ESV) Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares.*

### **3C. Reach Young Families**

*Deuteronomy 6:6-7 (ESV) And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.*

# **New Vision for the Future Study Guide**

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Intro Why is vision from God essential for our lives and church (Proverbs 29:18)?

Intro In what ways is God a designer and builder (Hebrews 11:10)?

Intro How does Jeremiah 29:11 encourage you about God's vision and plan for your life?

1A. Why is prayer, both individual and corporate so important (James 5:16)?

1B. How should the Holy Spirit be involved in our worship (1 Corinthians 14:26)?

1C. In what ways does the Spirit prepare every believer to contribute to worship (1 Corinthians 12:4-7)?

1D. How can your vision of Spirit-filled worship in your life and in our church grow?

2A. Why is witnessing to your friends so important (1 Thessalonians 2:8)?

2B. How does our mission giving allow us to participate in global missions (Matthew 28:19-20)?

2C. Why must we continue to learn God's Word (2 Timothy 2:2)?

2D. How can you grow in spreading God's truth?

3A. What are ways that we can build authentic relationships in the church family (Romans 12:9-10)?

3B. How can we grow to become more of a welcoming church (Hebrews 13:2)?

3C. Why is it important to prioritize reaching young families (Deuteronomy 6:6-7)?

3D. How can you grow in building relationships in the church family?