



VISION SUNDAY

Formed for This Moment | Teacher: Libin Abraham - Sermon Questions for 2.15.2026

OPENER

Just as God forms individuals with intention, He also forms His church with purpose. We are not “assembled” by accident or mass-produced. We are *formed* by the hands of God for this specific moment in history. In a world marked by division, exhaustion, and confusion, the potter is still at the wheel — and God is forming His church to reflect Jesus and shine with hope.

MAIN POINTS

WHAT WE VALUE

The Person of Jesus - We value Jesus above all else because it's Jesus who reveals the Father and sent the Spirit. Not only a concept of Jesus - we're inviting people to know Jesus and to experience a genuine, authentic, living relationship with him because our identity, as believers, has been relocated to be in Christ. (Hebrews 1:1-4)

Life in the Spirit - The life of the believer is expressive, abiding, empowered, and transformed through the Spirit.

Is expressive: gifts are given for serving each other and meant to be shared.

Is abiding: we live in the New Covenant and believe every believer is indwelt with Christ.

Is empowered: given a life on mission and with purpose. Is the transformed life: expressing the fruit of the Spirit in our personal and social lives. (Galatians 5:22-23)

Truth of Scripture - We put an emphasis on Truth, evidenced through biblical teaching on every stage and space – Scripture is our source for teaching, not one among other resources. We see the Spirit and Scripture connected as Jesus says that those who worship him will worship in Spirit and truth. (John 4:24)

HOW WE LIVE

Compelled by Love - Love makes us contributors not consumers – to serve faithfully, live generously, and see people differently. We lead with love in every relationship and bring God's love into every space we're invited.

We love because we've been loved fully, without hesitation or reservation. We're fully loved by Christ with true love, which enables us to love God and gives us the power and ability to love others - to love them as he loves them through us - Jesus sharing his life through us to others. (2 Corinthians 5:14-15)

Unity in Diversity - We embrace a variety of differences and celebrate the unique perspectives God gives to people through their varied experiences, backgrounds, and places in life.

We believe we are better, and more aligned with Heaven, as we gather in ethnically, politically, economically, gender, and generationally diverse gatherings.

We don't look for uniformity in thought or action but embrace unity through our shared faith in Jesus. (Romans 15:7)

Sent on Mission - Our missional identity from Jesus is living sent. It's who we are, not just what we do. In this, we don't see people as projects but rather as Jesus sees them. We see this mission expressed in our workplace, with our neighbors, and into the world. We are a sending church – intentionally sending people from Bent Tree into the world where God leads them to go, sharing his love. (John 20:21, Matthew 9:36)

Gifted with Purpose - Every believer is gifted (women, men, young, old, special needs, etc.). We believe the Holy Spirit is the source of gifts and continues to empower believers today. All gifts matter equally and are all needed in the Church.

His gifts are given to encourage, edify, and for others to experience the dynamic love of Jesus as he shares through those who believe. (Ephesians 2:10)

ENGAGE WITH GOD IN A GROUP

- Libin shared that God doesn't just "assemble" us — He *forms* us through community. How does that change the way you think about your life or our church? What could it look like for us to be more purposeful to being formed together?
- What does it practically look like for you to cherish Jesus above all else in daily life?
- The message emphasized the harmony of Word and Spirit. Why do you think churches sometimes drift toward one without the other? Do you tend to drift toward one?
- Which of these commitments energizes you the most - compelled by love, unity in diversity, sent on mission, or gifted with purpose? Why? Which one do you hope to grow in the most? What could that look like?
- How do you see God forming us, Bent Tree, for the world? What do you think God has for our future?

BOTTOM LINE

God is forming His church for this moment that the world desperately needs.