



Sermon Discussion Guide

Preaching Passage: Romans 1:1-6

Sermon Series: Foundations

Sermon Title: Our Vision

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The Vision of CFC: *To see the gospel spread into every corner of our lives and every corner of the globe.*

*Leaders: From the outset, take heed of the direction this conversation will go. On question #6, we will ask some more pointed questions about specific corners in our lives where we need the gospel to work more deeply. That conversation will likely not be the most honest in the full group, so we recommend some other ways to do that. One way might be breaking into smaller, same-gendered groups of 3-4 to discuss these questions. If you do that, budget at least 20 minutes for that discussion. Or another way, you might save those specific questions for your next prayer night. If you do so, plan on that being a prayer night where the men and women meet separately. You can use those questions to shape your confessing/sharing time, and then pray accordingly. We recommend previewing those questions now, and doing that prayer night the next week (in other words, don't wait a month to do that prayer night).

Discussion Questions:

- 1) **[Q]** Why is it important for you to be thinking about these foundations (mission, vision, etc.), not just Bart and the elders and the staff?
- 2) The vision statement has 2 clear parts: the gospel in every corner of our lives (our sanctification) and the gospel in every corner of the globe (our witness).
 - a. **[Q]** When you think of the implications of these two parts, which one is more of a priority to you personally? Why so?
 - b. **[Q]** Which one of these two parts makes you more uncomfortable? Why do you think that is?
 - c. **[Q]** So which one do you need to pray about more?
- 3) Bart cited the quote from the woman at the well in **John 4:29** – [29] *“Come, see a man who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?”*
 - a. **[Q]** How does that make you feel about Jesus, especially as you think about the hidden corners in your life? Does this make you want to run to him, or run from him?

- 4) Bart quoted C.T. Studd: "The light that shines the farthest shines the brightest at home."
 - a. **[Q]** How does that strike you?

- 5) We quoted **Isaiah 11:9-10** – [9] *They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.* [10] *In that day the root of Jesse, who shall stand as a signal for the peoples—of him shall the nations inquire, and his resting place shall be glorious.*
 - a. **[Q]** If you were to sit down and actively meditate and pray about these verses, what changes might result in your living?

Final Application Question:

- 6) Repeatedly, Bart got at this specific question: *When it comes to "the obedience of faith," what corners exist in your life?* So now, let's discuss that in specific detail. Perhaps you might break into smaller, same-gendered groups of 3-4 to honestly talk about these questions.
 - a. **[Q]** What corners of correction (areas of sin) exist in your life in which you need to take the gospel? How has the Holy Spirit shown you things in your heart as you've thought on this?
 - i. A corner of self-righteousness?
 - ii. A corner of bitterness?
 - iii. A corner of pride?
 - iv. A corner of jealousy?
 - v. A corner of anger?
 - vi. A corner of selfishness?
 - vii. A corner of lust?
 - viii. A corner of greed?
 - ix. A corner of some other besetting sin?
 - b. **[Q]** What other corners (areas of discouragement) exist in your life in which you need to take the gospel?
 - i. A corner of anxiety?
 - ii. A corner of spiritual torment?
 - iii. A corner of despair or hopelessness?
 - iv. A corner of sorrow that you cannot shake?
 - v. A corner of overwhelming guilt?
 - c. Bart cited **Matthew 11:28-30** – [28] *Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.* [29] *Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.* [30] *For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.*
 - i. **[Q]** Where do you need the rest Jesus offers?
 - d. While others share, everyone should be thinking: **[Q]** How can I speak the gospel of Jesus Christ into this specific struggle for my brother or sister?
 - e. **[Q]** To what corner of the globe—down the hall or across the world—has God given you the task of spreading the gospel?