

Kenmore Baptist Church Message Outline
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Vision Re-Visited - *ALIVE*

Our continuing vision is to be ***“A family embracing the Father’s presence, releasing an empowered people who will declare and demonstrate Christ’s kingdom”***.

We stand on the cusp of explosive growth to reach the thousands of people in the greater western suburbs of Brisbane who have not yet experienced Jesus. To make full advantage of the opportunity that lies before us we will need to position ourselves as a church to receive God’s blessing.

God is irresistibly drawn to a church where every activity, every plan, and every leadership decision clearly displays His heart.

God’s righteousness is extended and imputed to us because of the work of Christ on the cross, but we make the choice as to how close we draw to God.

A Hunger For The Presence Of God (Acts 2:1-4)

Hungering for the presence of God is much more than appreciating God’s omnipresence, it includes at least three vital components.

(1) A consuming desire for a greater realization of God’s presence.

(2) A longing to be filled (led and empowered by) the Holy Spirit.

(3) The seeking of a special anointing of God for a special task at a specific time.

A church that is fully alive is a church that longs to really encounter God and experience His manifest presence more than anything else.

Wherever there is the Spirit, there is life and movement.

We must continue to be intentional about making room and waiting for the presence of His the Spirit. This is an essential ingredient for us to come alive and to be all that God wants us to be so we might be fruitful.

A Compassionate Community (1 Peter 3:8-12)

A compassionate community is not optional if we are to come alive and grow to be fruitful – it's absolutely essential. Living in community with one another requires this extra sensitivity to each other's situations, the trials we face and the need to be loving, humble and compassionate.

We must become a community where people genuinely intersect and share a common experience in community with cultural, generational and economic diversity.

Those who are searching for the love of God find it through the love of God's people. The church is an oasis of liquid grace where forgiveness flows freely.

Discussion Questions

1. How does our posture before God draw His attention to His church?
2. How can you personally show a consuming desire for God's presence?
3. How can you intentionally make room for the leading of the Holy Spirit in your everyday life?
4. How can we as a church display a compassionate community and what role can you play?