

# Eastside Church of the Cross

*Eye Exam:* Checking our Vision  
Evaluation Worksheet

## I. Purpose of this worksheet

We need the leadership of the Holy Spirit, a reliance on his Word, and a strong conviction to see the Kingdom of God spread. What we are proposing is not for the faint of heart. We have a meaningful purpose! God has let us glimpse and spy an incredible reality: Jesus Himself. Our vision statement is part of what we see, and that vision requires examination and close measurement.

## II. Our Purpose is to Fulfill our Vision and Mission

Our **Vision** speaks to where we see ourselves going. For example, a vision for some local school may be to become “The Harvard of the Midwest.” They **see** themselves going someplace by doing certain activities (hiring really good teachers would help). Distinct from that, **Mission** speaks to our reason for existing. This worksheet focuses on our Vision.

### Our Vision

Church Unusual: A place of Christian living, thinking and growth in Biblical knowledge where Christ-centered preaching enables acquaintances to become friends and friends to become family in authentic relationships.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Note: It is not easy to identify where Evangelism fits into our vision statement. Discipleship is implied in many of the areas, but Evangelism is not as explicit. This is a possible weakness with our Vision statement.

### **Breakdown of the Vision statement into Measurable Areas**

- 1) A place of Christian living
- 2) A place of Christian thinking
- 3) A place of growth in Biblical knowledge
- 4) A place of Christ-centered preaching
- 5) A pace where this enables:
  - a. acquaintances to become friends and
  - b. friends to become family
  - c. in authentic relationships

### **III. Worksheet Instructions**

Given the above breakdown of the Vision statement, the following questions allow us to individually measure our growth in each area. By collecting all of our scores, we can rate our collective progress. **Following is a worksheet/evaluation form. This is not designed to make people feel guilty.** Fill out the form for yourself, your answer sheet will not be seen or shared with anyone.

On Yes/No questions, circle the one that applies.

Yes/No

On "Rate yourself" questions, rate yourself on a scale of 1-to-5 (with 5 being best)

0 1 2 3 4 5

### **Scoring the Worksheet:**

For each page you will tally your score. Yes/No questions are worth **5 points** for Yes, **0 points** for no. Questions where you rate 0..5 are worth the number you circle. Tally your points for each page and write the answer on the top.

0-5    W: We can do it!  
6-15   O: On our way  
16-25   R: Right path  
26-40   K: Keep it up  
41-50   S: Stick to it

Count up the number of points on each page, and put your grade letter on top. If you had 26 points, you would put a "K". You will not show your papers to anyone, you may fill out an anonymous summary if we have time. I am purposely using a whimsical recording system (W, O, R, K, S) because this is not a grade, but a meter. Wherever we are in our walk with Christ, I want to encourage and not discourage.

Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the **works** that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father – John 14:12.

But let each one **examine his own work**, and then he will have rejoicing in himself alone, and not in another – Galatians 6:4.

## Area 1 -- Christian Living

Eastside Church of the Cross is Church Unusual. We have a concerted focus on being a place of *Christian living*.

### Prayer (Ephesians 6)

Q1. Besides meal-times, I pray at least once a day:

Yes / No

Q2. Besides meal-times, I pray at least once weekly:

Yes / No

Q3. At least once a week, I pray for multiple members of our church by name:

Yes/No

Q4. I am currently praying for specific lost people to become Christian:

Yes/No

Q5. In my prayer time, I pray for forgiveness of sins:

Yes/No

### Worship (Hebrews 6 and Hebrews 10)

Q6. I enjoy going to weekly worship:

0 1 2 3 4 5

Q7. I attend worship regularly:

0 1 2 3 4 5

Q8. I have a time of private worship (singing, reading, prayer, fasting) integrated into my life:

0 1 2 3 4 5

### The Impact of the Word in my daily life (Ephesians 4-5)

Q9. I speak truth to my neighbors and co-workers:

0 1 2 3 4 5

Q10. I resolve anger in a timely manner:

0 1 2 3 4 5

Q11. My friends and co-workers would say that I am Christian:

0 1 2 3 4 5

Q12. I build up others with my words:

0 1 2 3 4 5

Q13. I am free from bitterness, rage and malice:

0 1 2 3 4 5

Q14. I forgive others easily – as Christ forgave me:

0 1 2 3 4 5

Q15. I flee from Sexual immorality:

0 1 2 3 4 5

Q16. Thanksgiving, not coarse talk and obscenity, mark my speech:

0 1 2 3 4 5

## Discipleship (Titus 2)

Q17. I desire to disciple someone younger than me:

0 1 2 3 4 5

Q18. I am currently working with someone to disciple them in the Bible:

0 1 2 3 4 5

### For Women:

Q19W. I purposely teach younger women to be reverent in the way they live

0 1 2 3 4 5

Q20W. I am in a proper relationship to my husband

0 1 2 3 4 5

### For Men:

Q19M. I teach other men to be self controlled

0 1 2 3 4 5

Q20M. I love my wife as Christ loved the church

0 1 2 3 4 5

## Area 2 -- Christian Thinking

Eastside Church of the Cross is Church Unusual. We have a concerted focus on being a place of *Christian thinking*.

### Mindset of another World (Ephesians 2, Colossians 3)

Q21. I handle stress and crisis well because I focus on Jesus and the Resurrection

0 1 2 3 4 5

Q22. Accumulating more money for my own desires is not as important to me now as it was a year ago

0 1 2 3 4 5

Q23. I desire to talk about Jesus, the Resurrection and the Bible more than I desire to discuss American politics

0 1 2 3 4 5

Q24. I can quote Bible verses

0 1 2 3 4 5

Q25. I read Christian books, web-sites or literature more than I read secular materials

0 1 2 3 4 5

Q26. I feel close to God in my suffering

0 1 2 3 4 5

Q27. When I think of the Kingdom of God, I think of the Church

0 1 2 3 4 5

Q28. I experience personal suffering and the cross with the Joy of James 1 and Romans 5

0 1 2 3 4 5

Q29. In the face of suffering, I encourage others to think of the resurrection

0 1 2 3 4 5

Q30. The Cross and the Resurrection (not worldly wisdom and success) define my outlook on life

0 1 2 3 4 5

### Area 3 – Growth in Biblical Knowledge

Eastside Church of the Cross is Church Unusual. We have a concerted focus on being a place of *Growth in Biblical Knowledge*.

Q31. I know more about Jesus and the Bible now than I did a year ago

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Q32. I read the Bible more now than I did a year ago

0 1 2 3 4 5

Q33. I read Christian literature to help me better understand the Bible

0 1 2 3 4 5

Q34. I want to read more Christian books that help me understand the Bible better

0 1 2 3 4 5

Q35. I want to share what I know with others outside the church

0 1 2 3 4 5

Q36. I talk about Jesus and the Bible with others inside the church

0 1 2 3 4 5

Q37. I share what I know with others outside the church

0 1 2 3 4 5

Q38. I want to teach a Bible study

0 1 2 3 4 5

Q39. I can teach a Bible study

0 1 2 3 4 5

Q40. I can defend what I am learning and what I believe

0 1 2 3 4 5

## Area 4 – Christ-Centered Preaching

Eastside Church of the Cross is Church Unusual. We have a concerted focus on being a place with *Christ-centered preaching*.

Q41. I understand the preaching enough to focus on Christ

0 1 2 3 4 5

Q42. The preaching of Christ is clear to me

0 1 2 3 4 5

Q43. Christ is preached every Sunday

0 1 2 3 4 5

Q44. Christ is the subject of every sermon (as opposed to the circumstantial object)

For example, if a sermon on “Christ saved me” talked mostly about me and about me being saved, and how better it is for me to be saved as opposed to not saved... if such a sermon has Christ in it, but is still mostly about me, then Christ is the subject in name only. So, Christ is the subject of every sermon:

0 1 2 3 4 5

Q45. The pastor’s personal ideas and passions do not interfere with the preaching of Christ

0 1 2 3 4 5

Q46. Christ is explained from the Old and the New Testaments

0 1 2 3 4 5

Q47. The preaching of Christ is not forced or artificial

0 1 2 3 4 5

Q48. I want to invite others to come hear the preaching

0 1 2 3 4 5

Q49. I do invite others to come hear the preaching

0 1 2 3 4 5

Q50. I want to preach

0 1 2 3 4 5

## Area 5a – Acquaintances become Friends

Eastside Church of the Cross is Church Unusual. We have a concerted focus on being a place where the preaching of Christ draws people together and enables those *Acquaintances to become Friends*.

Most of these relationship questions must be understood as happening outside the church and outside any regular church function. These are spontaneous relationship categories. Since the pastor is generally invited to many events, when there is a question that talks about other members, consider those other member as people other than the pastor.

Q50. I know the names of the visitors in the church

0 1 2 3 4 5

Q51. I talk with visitors at snack-time

0 1 2 3 4 5

Q52. I try and get visitors phone numbers

0 1 2 3 4 5

Q53. I call visitors and try to meet with them outside of church

0 1 2 3 4 5

Q54. I call members and try to meet with them outside of church

0 1 2 3 4 5

Q55. I know the names of the members of our church

0 1 2 3 4 5

Q56. I know where the members of our church live

0 1 2 3 4 5

Q57. I know the names of the kids in the church

0 1 2 3 4 5

Q58. I have asked visitors for their phone number

0 1 2 3 4 5

Q59. I have called most of the members of the church

0 1 2 3 4 5

## Area 5b – Friends become Family

Eastside Church of the Cross is Church Unusual. We have a concerted focus on being a place where the preaching of Christ draws people together such that *Friends Become Family*.

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Q60. I eat a meal (lunch, dinner or even a coffee) with a different member at least once per month  
Yes/No

Q61. I eat a meal (lunch, dinner or even a coffee) with a different member at least twice per month  
Yes/No

Q62. I enjoy recreational activities with a least one other member in the church  
Yes/No

Q63. I am in a car with another member of the church at least once a month  
Yes/No

Q64. I am in a different member's home at least once per month  
Yes/No

Q65. I often talk on the phone with some other member of the church  
Yes/No

Q66. I am part of family birthday parties with one other member of the church  
Yes/No

Q67. I am invited and I personally invite another member to major life events (graduations, anniversary parties, etc.) with one other member of the church  
Yes/No

Q68. My best friends are in the church  
0 1 2 3 4 5

Q69. It would be hard for me to leave the church because of relationships  
0 1 2 3 4 5

### Area 5c – Authentic Relationships

Eastside Church of the Cross is Church Unusual. We have a concerted focus on being a place where the preaching of Christ draws people together into authentic relationships.

Q70. I confess embarrassing sins to other members of the church  
0 1 2 3 4 5

Q71. I want to be accountable to other people in the church  
0 1 2 3 4 5

Q72. I feel accountable to other people in the church  
0 1 2 3 4 5

Q73. When a church family tells of a problem in their family, I feel as if I share in their crisis  
0 1 2 3 4 5

Q74. When a church family tells of a problem in their family, I call them and seek ways to help  
0 1 2 3 4 5

Q75. There have been times when a church family told us of a problem in their family, and I knew about it before the church did  
0 1 2 3 4 5

Q76. I can repent of my sins when they are pointed out to me by some other member  
0 1 2 3 4 5

Q77. Other members have confronted me with a problem they saw in my life  
Yes/No

Q78. I have confronted another member with a problem I saw in their life  
Yes/No

Q79. I want to have family-like relationships with people in the church  
0 1 2 3 4 5



The Group results will be presented after they are collected and averaged. With that information fill out this worksheet and be prepared to share with the group. If you think the group averages are not representative of the real condition of the church, use this sheet to express what you see.

1) List your Individual Areas of Strength and then the Group Areas of Strength:

2) List the Areas for Improvement (Individual and Group):

3) List an Area of Improvement you think you can most help with

4) For Each Area, what assignments or plans can be made to improve the whole Church

An example: If we have visitors who are not being called, we could ask someone to please make it their objective each Sunday to find the visitors, get their numbers, and call them. **An assignment**, or delegating responsibility, may be a first step to addressing a weakness. Then a way to measure that a person is following through with their assignment would be helpful -- along with ways to measure how well it is working.