**Pastor Demetric Felton Sr. November 26 17, 2017**

**Refocus: Vision Sunday**

Proverbs 29:18

**Key Truth:** People and churches can lose their sense of purpose and vision. When that happens we go through the motions of life rather than living life on mission.

1. As the Pastor one of my responsibilities is to clarify and

 communicate the vision of our church.

Our Vision: Is to be a life giving, multi-ethnic, multi-generational, gospel centered body of believers that loves God and loves people.

 A. Life giving - Only Jesus Christ can give you true life and

 purpose. **John 10:10**

 B. Multi Ethnic – Diversity is something the church should

 intentionally strive for. **Matthew 28:16-20, ACTS 1:8,**

 **Revelation 7:9-10**

 C. Multi Generational – Everyone is important and has a place

 in the church. **1 Timothy 5:1, Titus 2:1-6**

 D. Gospel Centered – The church not only has a mission but a

 message to proclaim. **2 Corinthians 5:20-21**

 E. Loving God and loving others are two sides of the same coin.

 **Matthew 22:34-39**

2. Disciples need to see the eternal significance of ministering in

 Jesus’ name. **Matthew 4:18-21**

 A. You were made for ministry. **Ephesians 4:11-16**

3. Our mission has importance and God will help us fulfill His

 purpose. **Nehemiah 4:6-15**

4. As disciples we are investing our lives for eternity, and there

 is no greater cause than the Kingdom of God.

**Taking it Beyond the Walls**: Embrace your God ordained purpose and live everyday for His glory.

**Connection Group Homework**

For the Week of November, 2017

Looking back at your notes from this week’s teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

Read Numbers 13:1-33: This story tells the tragedy of a people with no vision. God had a purpose for Israel but they refused to enter the promise land because of poor vision. (see. Vs. 33). How does how you see yourself affect how you live life?

Read Romans 12:1-3: Many Christians struggle to understand their purpose in the body of Christ. What are ways that we can determine God plan for us?

“Your ministry will be most effective and fulfilling when you are using your gifts and abilities in the area of your heart’s desire in a way that best expresses your personality and experience.” – Rick Warren

Ever wondered what God’s purpose for your life? Take some time to answer these questions:

Five Ways God Has Shaped You:

**S** – Spiritual Gifts - What has God supernaturally gifted me to do?
**H** – Heart - What do I have passion for and love to do?
**A** – Abilities - What natural talents and skills do I have?
**P** – Personality - Where does my personality best suit me to

 serve?
**E** – Experiences - What spiritual experiences have I had? What painful experiences have I had? What educational experiences have I had? What ministry experiences have I had?

How have you grown during these 10 Weeks together?