



-MISSION-

- October, 2025 - From blessing to building.
- Read ***Ephesians 4:11-16***.
- Read **Paul's Vision Casting for the Church.**

Over the next 3 Sundays, we are going to talk about the Vision, Mission, and Core Values of our church.

Why do we exist, what are we doing, and who are we?

The **Vision** is the work that we are going to do (**the future results**). The **Mission** (**what we do now**) and **Core Values** (**who we are**). When these are all aligned, God releases the **Resources** (**Time, Talent, & Treasure**) to accomplish the **Vision** and **Mission**.

- **Vision - Destination**
- **Mission - Journey**

Matthew 9:35-38 NKJV

35 Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people. 36 But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with

compassion for them, because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd. 37 Then He said to His disciples, “The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few. 38 Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.”

HFC Vision Statement:

To reflect the heart of Jesus for every person, joining Him in the work of gathering His harvest by making and sending disciples empowered by the Holy Spirit.

"His Heart. His Harvest."

HFC Mission Statement:

We gather to grow in the life of Christ, and we go to serve our community, our region, and the nations—answering Jesus' call to labor in His harvest.

"Gather to Grow. Go to Serve."

Harvest Fellowship Church

A Great Place to Grow and Go!

Mission answers a very practical question:
What do we do every week as the church?

Church is not just something we attend—it's something we *are*. It's not a weekly event; it's a God-given movement.

When we look at the life of Jesus, we see a clear and intentional rhythm:

- **Jesus gathered people.**
- **Jesus grew people.**
- **Jesus sent people.**

That rhythm wasn't accidental—it was missional. And it's the rhythm we are called to live out today. If we get the mission right, everything else finds its place.

1. JESUS GATHERED PEOPLE.

Matthew 9:35 NKJV

“Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the Gospel of the Kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people.”

Jesus did not wait for people to come to Him—**He went to where they were.**

Towns, Cities, Villages, Synagogues,
Streets, Homes. Jesus was present in
everyday places because everyday people
mattered to Him.

Gathering Is About Belonging!

Gathering is not about counting heads. It's about **creating a place to belong**. Before people believed everything Jesus taught, before they fully understood who He was, **they were welcomed into His presence.**

The early church followed this same pattern in Acts.

Acts 2:42 NKJV

“And they continued steadfastly in the apostles’ doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers.”

Application:

You belong here *before* you believe everything here.

You belong here *before* you have it all together.

You belong here because God is still working on all of us.

The church should be the easiest place in the world to belong—and the best place to grow.

2. JESUS GREW PEOPLE.

Matthew 9:35 NKJV

“Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the Gospel of the Kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people.”

Jesus didn't just gather crowds—**He invested in transformation.** Growth doesn't happen by accident. It happens through intentional discipleship.

Jesus grew people by:

- **Teaching truth** — revealing the heart of God.
- **Modeling faith** — showing what obedience looks like.
- **Shaping character** — forming people from the inside out.

Growth Is a Process...

Spiritual growth is not instant. It's cultivated over time.

Illustration: Growth doesn't happen in the harvest—it happens in the soil. Sundays prepare us for Mondays. What God plants in us here is meant to bear fruit out there.

James 1:22 NKJV

“But be doers of the Word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.”

**We don't gather just to hear—
we gather to become.**

3. JESUS SENT PEOPLE.

Matthew 9:35 NKJV

“Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the Gospel of the Kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people.”

Jesus never intended to create consumers. **He formed servants.** He didn't say, "Come and stay." He said, "Come—and then go." The message of the Kingdom was always accompanied by action—healing the sick, serving the broken, restoring hope.

Matthew 28:19-20 NKJV

“Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, *even* to the end of the age. Amen.”

Mark 10:45 NKJV

“For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.”

Mission is Movement. Mission is not optional. It's not reserved for pastors or missionaries. It's the calling of every believer.

Mission

Truth:

We don't gather instead of going. **We gather so that we can go!**

We are sent to our neighborhoods. We are sent to our workplaces. We are sent to our schools, our city, our region, and the nations. Everywhere we go, we carry the love and power of Jesus!

CLOSING & RESPONSE:

The church does not exist for itself. It exists for those who are not yet here. If we only gather, we stagnate. If we only grow, we become self-focused. But when we gather, grow, and go—**the Kingdom of God advances!**

Declaration (Invite the Church to Say Together):

**“We gather to grow. We go to serve.”
(Slide).**

This is our mission. This is our rhythm. This is who we are. Let’s live it—every week, everywhere we go!

**“We gather to grow. We go to
serve.”**

APPLICATION:

- **Gather faithfully.**
- **Grow intentionally.**
- **Go courageously.**

