

A TALE OF TWO SHIPS: VISION 2014

January 5, 2014 Matthew 16:18 by Bob Branch

MAIN IDEA: Today I want to talk about God's vision for The Springs for 2014, the biblical mandate it embodies and call us to jump aboard something much bigger than ourselves.

Our vision for 2014 is to **Mobilize for God's greater purposes**... to mobilize everyone to take their place in God's growth and expansion agenda of outreach, mission, church planting and kingdom activism.

"Simon Peter replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon Son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. **Matthew 16:16-18**

We are the aggressors!

TSCC VISION: To be a **vibrant, loving, reproducing church** that **reaches** people with Jesus, **connects** them to Him and His community, helps them **grow** into fully-developed disciples, **heals** the obstacles to that growth, and **unleashes** them into God's full purposes.

A TALE OF 2 SHIPS: Cruise Ship to Aircraft Carrier

Cruise Ships are about the PASSENGER experience.

Aircraft Carriers are all about the MISSION.

- Everything is designed for the mission.
- Each person serves a specific purpose.
- Everyone is training constantly.
- Everything is built for efficiency
- Everyone works.
- The carrier is not about itself, but about the mission

What this means for us?

1. CULTURE OF INVOLVEMENT & PURPOSE

"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms." **1 Peter 4:10**

Deacon Ministry... Ushers-Greeters, Safety and Security, Hospitality, Information Systems, Building maintenance, Benevolence, and Event Coordination.

Ministry Fairs

2. TRAINING & PREPARING. **Plant 10 churches!** ... *a birthing church.*

"So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service" **Ephesians 4:11-12**

Antioch School of Church Planting & Leadership Development. ¹theological education, ²structured mentoring, and ³practical supervised ministry.

Francis Chan's "Multiply" curriculum.

3. OUTSIDE COMFORT-ZONES & 4-WALLS

"go and make disciples of all nations" **Matthew 28:19**

Neighborhood Lighthouse Mini-Churches

"Come back to me. —Love, Jesus"

YouthForce

Business Park Free-Hot Dog-Lunch Outreaches

Celebrate Recovery (CR) and DivorceCare

WHAT TO DO?

Commit to this vision & these people by taking faith-steps into it.

Pray & ask God where he wants you to **plug in & serve**, & do it.

Give and **tithe** generously and consistently through this year.

Invite people to come to church with you.

Start **sharing** the story of Jesus with others.

Sign up to commit... and attend the interest meeting.