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# An Important Question

- Where are we going, what are we attempting to do and be as a church body?



# Why Bother

- Clarity will:
  - allow us to focus the use of time and energy
  - allow us to become more cohesive as a church body
  - create a greater sense of anticipation
  - Enable us to be more intentional and effective in our work for Christ



# What is our Vision

...encouraging all people to pursue a lifelong, joyous relationship with Jesus Christ and share His love with those in need.





# Our Vision . . .

- Contains two major commitments:
  - Edification
  - Evangelism
- Reveals our priorities:
  - Edification is foundational to evangelism
  - Evangelism is a necessary outcome of effective edification



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- We realize the Christian life is not a single point in time experience but a lifelong pursuit



Philippians 1:9–11 (NIV84)

<sup>9</sup> And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, <sup>10</sup> so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless until the day of Christ, <sup>11</sup> filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God.



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- We believe that joy is one of the hallmarks of the lives of those who genuinely believe



# Evangelism . . .

- We affirm the responsibility that Jesus has given us to share what we have found with those who have yet to come to him
- Calls each of us to take seriously our role as Christ's ambassadors
- Means will vary according to the context but not the content of the message that we proclaim



# So What

Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize.

1 Corinthians 9:24

# So What





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