

Introduction

- Coordinators, pastoral leaders review of what's needed
- A number of elements point to a loss of or weakening of vision
- Pr. 29:18a Where there is no vision the people perish
- Hear, embrace, protect the vision
- missing key elements: holes... the danger of holes

We Believe:

- in an encounter with Christ resulting in a personal relationship (Evangelical)
- in the Baptism of the Spirit and charisms (tools for the bodybuilders)
- that Scripture is the Word of God (a conversion is often needed)
- that life should be *lived* according to the Scriptures
- in ecumenism (again, a conversion may be needed)
- in lay leadership
- in evangelism
- in covenant, covenant love, covenant relationships...*committed relationships*
 - a blockbuster revelation about the nature of God and we get to model it!
 - it's what the world needs now
- that the Father wants a family...a big one
- that something is wrong (movements, cmties, even church splits: signs that people are searching)
- something more is needed
- that something more is needed in today's toxic culture
- that the Lord wants a people He can direct
- in the call to discipleship** (corporate, community care, environment, etc.)
 - it's a decision
 - 2006
- that covenant community is *intentional* relationships with the focus on building and being the Kingdom of God together
- that Christianity is relational (see 1st and 2nd commandments), it is also doctrinal, institutional, behavioral, structural, etc.
- in Scriptural roles of men and women
- in family order
- that daily personal prayer is integral to our life in this body
- that the Lord calls *families* and not just individuals into community
- that the Body should be expressed more as a family than simply an institution or activity
- in the bulwark being built
- that we have been called and set in place *by the Lord*