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Distinction between VISION and MISSION and GOALS

VISION

Vision for a church is its preferred future. The picture of this future starts with God and is revealed through the Holy Spirit.

- Images: Bride, Royal priesthood, Warriors, Ambassadors, Flock, Body, CHURCH
- But a Vision is unique to each church.

- Who will we be along this journey?

- VISION of WHO WE ARE AS HIS PEOPLE

“Rock of Hope Baptist Church is a fun-loving, multi-cultural, Holy Spirit led community, reaching people locally, regionally and globally, prayerfully growing in a relationship with Jesus Christ.”

MISSION

A Mission is Clear

Jesus said,

1. Love God and Love people - Great command

2. But also, Go and preach the Gospel, baptizing and teaching to obey – great Commission

What is our unique nature in doing the Great Commandment and Commission?

CHURCH MISSION

As the Church we live our lives to **exalt** the person of Jesus Christ in all we think, say and do and invite all people to do the same. We find ways to **embrace** people where they are and continue to love them through their journey with Christ. We **enjoy** our walk with God and our walk with one another. We intentionally **engage** with our community and the world to have a voice in the market conversations of our times. We strive to be **equipped** in order to accomplish the work set before us as ambassadors of Jesus Christ and His kingdom.

EXALT

hold (someone or something) in very high regard; think or speak very highly of.

"the party will continue to exalt its hero"

verb show or feel elation or jubilation, especially as the result of a success.

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Psalm 34:2-4

...2My soul will make its boast in the LORD; The humble will hear it and rejoice. 3O magnify the LORD with me, And let us exalt His name together. 4I sought the LORD, and He answered me, And delivered me from all my fears....

Psalm 107:32

Let them exalt him in the assembly of the people and praise him in the council of the elders.
I don't care where it is, what part of the world it's in, if we have a praise church we'll have successful Christianity. D.L Moody

- **To acknowledge and to make known the supremacy of the King is our highest calling.**

Do my words exalt God?

Does my life exalt God?

Are my actions consistent with exalting God?

He is supreme!!!

Not our desires

Not our feelings

Not our livelihood

Not our relational status

He is God...My life will exalt Him

ENJOY

en·joy

verb take delight or pleasure in (an activity or occasion).

We **enjoy** our walk with God and our walk with one another.

Psalm47:1

1 Clap your hands, all you nations; shout to God with cries of joy.

Isaiah 12:6

6 Shout aloud and sing for joy, people of Zion, for great is the Holy One of Israel among you."

Philemon 1:7

7 Your love has given me great joy and encouragement, because you, brother, have refreshed the hearts of the saints.

- **To experience the fullest measure of joy in our walk and work is our greatest treasure.**

Joy and peace go together. I am in fullest Joy when I am in compliance with His word

To have that peace is beautiful....

I cannot be in peace and joy if I am disobedient

Can we say, my soul is content

Dread, which is closely related to fear, steals the ability to enjoy ordinary life and makes people anxious about the future. It keeps them from looking forward to the next day, the next month, or the next decade. Joyce Meyer

Even if you have a terminal disease, you don't have to sit down and mope. Enjoy life and challenge the illness that you have. Nelson Mandela

ENGAGE

en·gage

verb

1. occupy, attract, or involve (someone's interest or attention).
2. participate or become involved in.

We intentionally **engage** with our community and the world to have a voice in the market conversations of our times.

Matthew 5:13-15

13"You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt has become tasteless, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled under foot by men. 14"You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden; 15nor does anyone light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house....

- **To impact our culture with the love and message of Christ is our noblest task.**

How often am I speaking about Jesus to others?

How often am I sharing God's miracles to others?

The church as a whole has strayed quite far from biblical evangelism; that is, sharing the Gospel in the way that Jesus did, the way the Apostle Paul did, and the rest of the disciples and prophets in Scripture. Kirk Cameron

Evangelism is not an option for the Christian life. Luis Palau

EMBRACE

verb hold (someone) closely in one's arms, especially as a sign of affection.

. We find ways to **embrace** people where they are and continue to love them through their journey with Christ.

Matthew 25:40

"The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'

Hebrews 6:10

God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them.

- **To partner with God in reaching out and caring for the needs of people is our truest act of kingdom living.**

Am I seeing and meeting needs as best as I am able?

Is my spirit sour toward those who are less fortunate?

Am I helping others who are in need?

What does love look like? It has the hands to help others. It has the feet to hasten to the poor and needy. It has eyes to see misery and want. It has the ears to hear the sighs and sorrows of men. That is what love looks like. Saint Augustine

EQUIP

verb

1. supply with the necessary items for a particular purpose.
2. prepare (someone) mentally for a particular situation or task

We strive to be **equipped** in order to accomplish the work set before us as ambassadors of Jesus Christ and His kingdom.

2 Timothy 3:17

so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

Ephesians 4:11-13

...11And He gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers, 12for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ; 13until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ....

- **To train, develop, and provide resources for followers of Christ for their God-gifted calling is our richest privilege.**

Do I have more understanding of the Scripture today than I did last year?

Has my faith and walk with God grown in the past year?

Have I used the tools that have been taught to me?

Prayer

Bible study

Evangelism

Spiritual Gifts

Spiritual Warfare

Behavioral changes as the Spirit guides

God has equipped you to handle difficult things. In fact, He has already planted the seeds of discipline and self-control inside you. You just have to water those seeds with His Word to make them grow! Joyce Meyer

The Church Universal

The church local

Me... the walking Temple on Mission to exalt, enjoy, engage, embrace and equip