

- Our Vision and Mission -

Ice-Breaker:

- According to one recent survey, over the past 20 years the number of Americans who say: *"I have no faith"* has gone up from 7% to 29%. Why do you suppose that is?

Discussion:

OUR VISION:

We want to **reach** every man, woman and child with the good news of the **grace** of Jesus.

OUR MISSION:

We exist to help imperfect people do life with a perfect God, so they can experience the best life possible. We accomplish this mission through… Authentic Community; Passionate Worship; Biblical Instruction; Relational Outreach & Gift-Driven Serving.

1. One key component of our vision is the word **grace**. Free Grace Theology is defined by the great cry of the Protestant Reformation: ***Salvation is by grace alone through faith alone in Christ alone.*** In the Greek, the word **'grace'** means **'a gift,'** and the word **'faith'** means **'believing something to be true.'**
   - Why is the term **'alone'** so important in this statement?

2. **Read Galatians 1:6-7; Galatians 2:15-16; Galatians 3:1-3; Galatians 5:1-4**
   - What were the Galatians guilty of doing?
   - Why was Paul so concerned for the Galatians?
   - How do these texts inform our understanding of the gospel and how people are saved?

3. **Read Ephesians 2:8-9**
   - According to this passage, what was one of God's purposes in designing salvation by faith rather than works, and why do you suppose that is significant?

4. **Read Romans 1:16-17; Galatians 3:11-12**
   - What do you think is meant by the phrase: *"by faith, from first to last…"*?
   - We know we are saved the moment we put our faith in Jesus… but what does it look like to live the rest of your Christians life *by faith*?

5. **Read II Corinthians 5:14**
   - Why do you suppose love is such a powerful motivator for evangelism?

6. A second key component of our vision is **'reaching every man, woman and child.'**
   - We currently give 26% to missions (local & foreign). Our goal is 50%. Why is this so important?

Personal Application:

- Pray about how God might want to use you to fulfill the vision and mission of our church.