

'There is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.'

1 Corinthians 8:6

At the heart of it all

"Jesus is Lord"

This statement is at the centre of the Christian faith. It originates in the confession of *Shema Yisrael* found in Deuteronomy 6:4 ('Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is One...').

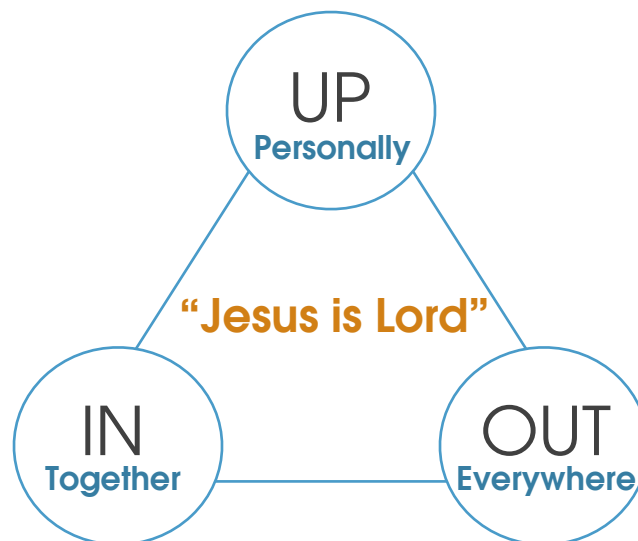
And it ends with every tongue confessing that "Jesus is Lord" (cf Phil 2:11)

Our vision flows out of this truth in our lives. We submit ourselves to Christ, to declare him Lord over our lives, His Church, and this world. No matter what the risk or the cost, we follow Jesus best when we love God with all our heart, soul, mind and strength, and with a faith that is white hot.

'If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.'

Romans 10:9

Getting the Relationships Right



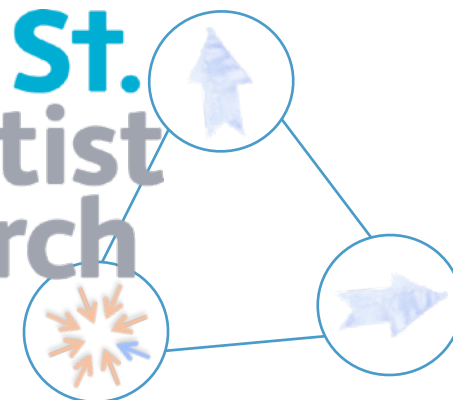
Following Jesus is essentially about *worship*, *fellowship*, and *mission*. This vision forms the DNA of the Church. It is what we are called to be, and it is with this DNA that disciples grow and multiply.

It is all about relationships. We need all three aspects of our relationships to be in balance in order for our lives, church and outreach to be healthy and effective. If we neglect any one part, we are fail to fulfil the vision.

Key Questions to ask:

- What does your UP, IN and OUT look like?
- Which area(s) are most healthy,
- Which areas(s) need the most attention?
- How can you readdress and hold in your UP, IN and OUT relationships in balance?

Kay St. Baptist Church



Church Vision & DNA

At Kay Street Baptist (KSBC) we want to take our discipleship of Jesus seriously. We believe discipleship is all about *following Jesus*: learning from his teaching; taking the lead from his example; and being faithful to obey all his commands.

We believe that he calls us to be faithful individuals, who together make up the body of Christ, to be the fullness of Christ in this world.

To put this plainly, our vision here at KSBC is that we are making Christ known by:

Following Jesus **Personally**
Following Jesus **Together**
Following Jesus **Everywhere**
because **"Jesus is Lord"**

Following Jesus **Personally**

'So here's what I want you to do, God helping you: Take your everyday, ordinary life—your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life—and place it before God as an offering. Embracing what God does for you is the best thing you can do for him. Don't become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead, fix your attention on God. You'll be changed from the inside out.'

Romans 12:1-2 (MSG)

Following Jesus **Personally** is all about our relationship with God. We form and build this relationship through regular **prayer**, the reading and study of his **word**, and through daily acts of **worship**. Following Jesus personally affects how we relate with others too. It involves acting **justly**, loving **mercy**, and walking **humbly** with God (cf Micah 6:8). This is how we communicate with God: He reveals himself to us, we offer ourselves to Him. 'This is our spiritual act of **worship**' (Ro 12:1 NIV). Jesus reveals the Father to us, and his Spirit is at work in us today to **transform** us to be more like Him.

Key Questions to ask:

- How is your walk with Jesus?
- What are you and God working on at the moment?
- Who is discipling you?
Who are you discipling?

Following Jesus **Together**

'Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.'

Hebrews 10:23-25 (NIV)

Following Jesus **together** is all about our relationship with the Church. When we follow Jesus faithfully, the natural expression of that is to be part of His church (also called the **Body of Christ**. (cf Col 1:18, 1 Cor 12:27). The Church is God's great idea for the world. Her goal is to become **mature**, like Jesus, attaining to the fullness of Christ (cf Eph 4:13). We become part of the church when we **participate** regularly in loving, serving, and ministering to one another. It involves being part of Sunday **gatherings**, **small groups**, **church meetings**, sharing **communion** and **fellowship**, and other times spent **listening to God** together.

Key Questions to ask:

- In what ways are you participating in church?
- What are others teaching you about God?
- Who are the people spurring you on?
Who are you spurring on?

Following Jesus **Everywhere**

'Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.'"

Matthew 28:18-20 (NIV)

Following Jesus **everywhere** is about our relationship with the **world**. Jesus calls, commissions and equips us to be his **good news** to all. The Church doesn't exist just for itself, but gives of itself for the sake of others. God longs to draw people in to his **kingdom**. We are the people of **Pentecost** (cf Acts 2), equipped by the **Spirit** with a **mission** to **witness** to the ends of the earth, as such should be the expression of God's coming kingdom here on earth, *as it is in heaven* (cf Mt 6:10). We follow Jesus everywhere when we do the things Jesus did: meeting people's needs, living in public spaces, **inviting** others to come...

Key Questions to ask:

- What thoughts and ideas do you have about reaching others with "good news"?
- What does it mean to be 'salt' and 'light' in the places you go?
- Would you feel confident in sharing your faith with someone?