

Vision and Direction for 2012 John 17:20-23

What does Jesus pray for us?

That we would be one (vv.21,23).

This is not referring to organizational unity. It's referring to local groups of believers deeply united in love for each other. Another word for this would be **Community**.

Where does this loving community come from?

From beholding His glory (v.22). When by faith we behold Him, our hearts are satisfied, worry and pride is destroyed, and we are filled with love. This happens by **Faith**.

What will result from our loving community?

Lost people will see our love and be convinced there is a God, that He sent Jesus, and that in Jesus He loves us so much that we have amazing love for each other (vv.21,23). Call this **Mission**.

That's our vision — **Faith** leads to **Community** leads to **Mission**.

How can we pursue Faith?

- Daily time in prayer and God's Word.
- Learn how to fight the fight of faith (use Pastor Steve's sermon series "The Fight of Faith," John Piper's "Battling Unbelief" series, Pastor Steve's LivingByFaithBlog.com).
- Become a vital part of a Home Group and one of your home group's DNA groups.

How can we pursue Community?

- Join a home group.
- Become a vital part of your home group.
- Become part of a DNA Group.

How can we pursue Mission?

- Ask Jesus what He wants you to do.
- Get training in your Home Group.
- Invite people to your Home Group and Sunday Worship.

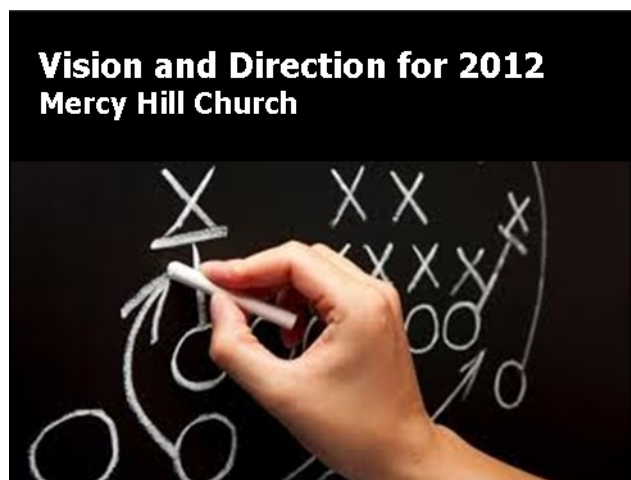
What are we pursuing in 2012?

For Mercy Hill as a whole

- Raising up more home group leaders and elders
- Having strong home groups.
- Starting more strong home groups.

For each of us

- Take one growth step in Faith
- Take one growth step in Community
- Take one growth step in Mission



HOME GROUP DISCUSSION OF SUNDAY'S TEACHING

(Sometimes in our home groups we talk about Sunday's teaching, so we can work together on responding to God's Word — asking questions, sharing insights, talking together.)

What was the Holy Spirit saying to you Sunday through this passage?

What questions, ideas, objections, encouragements did you come away with?

What's one growth step you are going to take in Faith?

What's one growth step you are going to take in Community?

What's one growth step you are going to take in Mission?

Share prayer requests that come up in the discussion, jot them down below, and pray for each other.

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