

#gathering

The Gathering Vision is a picture of who we think Jesus wants us to be as His Church. The vision is not something we have already achieved but what we are all working towards to bring glory to Jesus. Each Gathering member must be committed to the vision for it to be fulfilled under Christ.

The Gathering Vision

To be a community of believers who are maturing in our faith and growing in our love for Jesus. Our love for Jesus would overflow to each other and would be shown in our eagerness to serve and spend time and money on each other.

Gatherers would see ourselves as family, not just a group of people who attend a meeting. If someone is in need we would try and help them. We would comfort those among us who mourn and celebrate with those who are joyful. We would be known as a welcoming church that cares deeply for people no matter what their age, stage, hurts or habits.

Gatherers will know that they are one of the congregations that sit under the St Faiths umbrella who share the same resources, beliefs and mission. Gatherers will work together with the rest of St Faiths in bringing glory to Jesus.

Gatherers would be striving to make prayer a priority - at prayer meetings, Saturday gatherings, home groups and by themselves throughout the week.

Older Gathering men and women would be an example to the younger gatherers, by sharing their lives, wisdom and knowledge in how to follow Jesus.

Our Saturday gatherings would be informal and relaxed with solid Bible-based teaching that challenges us to grow even if it's uncomfortable. We would welcome

each other and come eager to serve. Our kids would also be serving and using the gifts that God has given them and we would all help to nurture them in their faith.

Gatherers will also be part of a small group made up of around 10 people. Small groups would not be just a place for doing Bible study but one where discipleship happens and people serve, encourage and look after each other. They would be groups where people could be real and open as they challenge and encourage each other to follow Jesus.

As well as seeing ourselves as part of a family, Gatherers would know that we are part of the worldwide family of believers and support our brothers and sisters who are persecuted. We would also be passionate about the worldwide mission, both local and global. We will be a church that wants to hear about God's work around the world and we would support it, pray for it, and equip people to be apart of it.

Gatherers would be people who are eager to do good, not just as a strategy for evangelism but because we love justice and our fellow humans. We would be living advertisements of God's love, wisdom and power. In our day to day lives gatherers would seek to share our love for Jesus with people we meet in the local community through things like teaching scripture, running the BBQ at soccer, hosting and participating in community events. The Gathering would be known as a church that serves and brings great blessing to Collaroy Plateau area.

We desire to see others coming to know Jesus. Over time as we see more people being saved we would grow to around 70 committed people and then seek to plant a new congregation that would meet on Sundays in 2012. Together we want to use our time, money, energy and talents sacrificially for God's glory and the growth of his kingdom.

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