

Missionary Church Statement of Vision

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OUR DRIVING PASSION

The Missionary Church is a family of churches
committed to Jesus Christ,
the Bible and the Great Commission.

- We pursue relationship with God as our top priority.
- We depend on the Holy Spirit through prayer.
- We introduce people to the gospel and multiply disciples everywhere.
- We value, strengthen and multiply churches.
- We develop Spirit-led leaders to advance God's mission in the world.

Specific Vision – Michigan Region

“Every Church mobilizing believers to
intentionally lead people to Christ
and make disciple-makers.”

Vision Impact – On Point

- *Every believer a Spirit-empowered follower of Christ*
- *Every follower of Christ a disciple-maker*
- *Every church a disciple-making, church planting church*

The Missionary Church, World Partners and many of its Regions and Districts are in a long-term process of casting, living and teaching a vision focused on creating a disciple-making culture described by these ten principles.

Disciple-making Culture Profile

What does it look like?

How do you know it's there?

How do the people think who make up disciple-making culture?

When there is a culture of disciple-making:

1. Believers in Jesus Christ understand themselves to be **"followers" of Jesus.** Followers are committed students of Jesus Christ and his process of change in their lives from the inside out.
2. There is evidence of **the power of the Holy Spirit** as followers of Christ reach out and interact with others.
3. Followers of Christ understand they have a commission to be **"on mission."** This calling belongs to all Christians, not just to pastors and missionaries.
4. Gathering as followers is preparation for **scattering and sending.**
5. **Evangelism is understood to be included within the discipling process.**
"Disciple-making is intentional involvement in the process of helping a person move from pre-Christ to follower of Christ to reproducing disciple of Christ."
6. Followers of Jesus commit themselves to a lifetime of developing the skills necessary to engage people in **Spirit-led conversations.**
7. **Leaders are engaged in disciple-making** and new leaders arise from the discipling process.
8. **Life-on-life modeling** is at the heart of relational disciple-making.
9. Disciple-makers understand the power of **focusing on a few.** "More time with fewer people equals greater results."
10. There is an understanding of the long-term effect of the **multiplication of disciples and churches over generations.**