

Big Idea: VICTORY CHURCH VISION (Deuteronomy 6:10-12; Genesis 26:12-18) Pastor Curt Seaburg

**VISION:** One church in many communities.

MISSION: We exist to help people take the Next Step in their journey of faith with the Lord Jesus Christ.

Here at Victory, we are strategic in accomplishing our mission and vision. We believe God wants us to go on a spiritual journey to **Know God** - A real relationship with Jesus transforms each of us into an entirely new person. **Find Freedom** - God intends for us to work through our issues and experience healing in lifegiving relationships with others. **Discover Purpose** – We take steps to discover our God-given potential and calling in life. **Make a Difference** - When we connect with the Body of Christ and serve together, we can truly make a difference in the lives of others, for the glory of God.

This week Pastor Curt reminded us why we do what we do. If you're sucking air on the planet, you have God given value and purpose! We are so thankful for a pastor who leads with a clear vision, believing God for great things. Just like in the story of Isaac, there are times we need to make sure the wells that lead to life and freedom stay open. The enemy wants to stop up these wells with the debris of sin and shame. PC talked of four specific wells we are committed to keep open.

- 1) Life-giving Christianity (John 14:15/Galatians 3:3) We serve God out of delight not duty
- 2) Risk-taking faith (Hebrews 11:6) Without faith it is impossible to please God
- 3) The Great Commission (Mark 16:15/Acts 1:8) We don't exist for ourselves; we exist for others.
- 4) Take Your Next Step (1 Peter 1:17) We take spiritual next steps and encourage others to do the same!

Genesis 26:18 Isaac reopened the wells that had been dug in the time of his father Abraham...

## **Discussion Questions**

- Do you find yourself serving God out of duty, or is it a delight?
- Does your preference cloud the vision? (I want my parking spot, I want this music, I like how it used to be, etc.)
- What Next Step is God calling you into in this new season?

## Prayer Focus

Prayer Point #1 – Sell the land along Rt. 30.

Prayer Point #2 – May God give favor, wisdom, and insight to our Trustees as they negotiate terms.

Prayer Point #3 – God would give us an opportunity to open a location on the east side of Lancaster.

Prayer Point #4 – God would give us more leaders and more opportunities.

## **Next Steps**

Make the message practical: Give your life to Jesus, and be water baptized. • Join a Small Group, and grow in life-giving relationships. Share your struggles with others, and find healing in the Body of Christ. • Attend the Growth Track, and learn more about your unique design and God-given purpose. • Jump on the Serve Team, and use your gifts and passions to share the love of Jesus with others.

## **Leader Tip**

Encourage your group members to identify their next step and take it! Talk through the points under "Next Steps," and share how God has moved in your own life as you've taken those steps.