

Vision Prayer Night – 11th May 2022

Seeking God for the next 1000 days...

Thinking about God

Use the following verses to reflect on the character of God and to place ourselves in humble dependence on him as we seek his leading for our future:

But you, Lord, are a compassionate and gracious God,
slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness. *Psalm 86:15*

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen. *Eph. 3:20-21*

But do not forget this one thing, dear friends: With the Lord a day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like a day. The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance. *2 Peter 3:8-9*

Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing 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." *Matt. 28:19-20*

In their hearts humans plan their course, but the LORD establishes their steps. *Proverbs 16:9*

Unless the LORD builds the house, the builders labor in vain.
Unless the LORD watches over the city, the guards stand watch in vain. *Psalm 127:1*

Trust in the LORD with all your heart
and lean not on your own understanding;
in all your ways submit to him,
and he will make your paths straight. *Proverbs 3:5-6*

Lord, you have been our dwelling place
throughout all generations.
Before the mountains were born
or you brought forth the whole world,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God. ...

Teach us to number our days,
that we may gain a heart of wisdom. *Psalm 90:1-2, 12*

Thinking about our Present

Spend some time in silence listening to God and asking him to show us where we are at as a church at the moment.

Spend some time praying for our church and community at present:

Praying into the hurts and challenges of the past two years

Praying into the joys and triumphs

Praying into our sin, weaknesses and failings

Praying into the gifts that have been given to us for God's glory

Praying into the local community and its strengths and challenges

Thinking about our Future

Remember the unchanging mission of the church: Know Jesus, Make Jesus Known

Pray about some possible Vision Themes:

- Home Hubs flourishing
- Equipping, developing and sending leaders
- Whole of life discipleship
- Strong volunteer culture
- Reflecting the ethnic diversity of the northern suburbs
- Build / rebuild a vibrant community

Are there other things where God may be leading us into?

Thinking about this time together

Is there anything that God has shown you that it would be helpful to share?