

Series graphic w/email

A Christian is someone whose life has been invaded by the holy love of Christ.

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2 Corinthians 5:14a

For the love of Christ **compels** us ...

God, help me/us/Rock Bridge live on the 2nd Mile!!

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{come up 1 at a time: question first, then a and b}

What is {God's or my} vision for my life?

a) God's role ... ?

b) Vision is about what we do ...?

Jesus' vision for us—found in the invitation to follow Him—is less about what we **DO and more about who we **BECOME**.**

Romans 8:29a

For God knew His people in advance, and He chose them to **become like his Son** ...

Colossians 3:10

Put on your **new nature**, and be renewed as you **learn** to know your Creator and **become** like Him.

Matthew 5:38-40

“You have heard that it was said, *An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.*

But I tell you, don't resist an evildoer. On the contrary, if anyone slaps you on your right cheek, turn the other to him also. As for the one who wants to sue you and take away your shirt, let him have your coat as well.

God is focused on the heart.

Ezekiel 36:26 (TLB)

And I will give you a **new heart**—I will give you new and right desires—and put a new spirit within you. I will take out your stony hearts of sin and give you **new** hearts of love.

The Sermon on the Mount is a vision of who we can **become as we follow Jesus.**

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We can't do that!

Or

What kind of person can do that?

Radical & Revolutionary

→What if ...

Matthew 5:41

And if anyone forces you to go one mile, go with him **two**.

{come up individually; one screen at a time; different slides for each}

Be the type of person who does more than expected/required.

Be the type of person who is not controlled by their situation and the people around them.

Be the type of person who sees adversity as opportunity.

Be the type of person who rejects the typical (and justifiable) reaction and instead gives a blessing.

John 3:3

“Truly I tell you, unless someone is **born again**, he cannot see the **kingdom of God**.”

Colossians 3:10

Put on your **new nature**, and be renewed as you **learn** to know your Creator and **become** like Him.

Matthew 5:42-47

Give to the one who asks you, and don't turn away from the one who wants to borrow from you.

“You have heard that it was said, *Love your neighbor and hate your enemy*. But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be **children of your Father** in heaven. For he causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous. For if you love those who love you, what reward will you have? Don't even the tax collectors **do the same**? And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what are you doing **out of the ordinary**? Don't even the Gentiles do the same?

There is a difference between a **good person and a child of God.**

People see **us on the first mile; they see **Jesus (through us) on the 2nd**!**

Matthew 5:48

Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

1) Maybe we have OVERLOOKED who we are becoming/have become ...?

2) Maybe we are leaning too much on an EXCUSE ...?

3) As a church, what are we committed to ... ??

4) Right now in your life, where is the vision and invitation of Jesus more compelling?

John 3:3

“Truly I tell you, unless someone is **born again** ...

{come up one at a time ... all on same slide}

How was your day?

Who were you today?

Where were you today?

