

## The American Dream or The American Demise?

- Financial comfort
- Job w/meaning and clout
- Epic children
- Good health
- Regular fun experiences
- Soul mate
- Sexual fulfillment
- Instafame
- Self-autonomy & expression

## This is the way of Salvation.

1. We deny ourselves for the sake of others.
2. We have a vision beyond the horizon of now.
3. We are no good without Jesus.

# 2020 Goal

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## In the HOME...

1. Read the Bible to my kids every night.
2. When my wife talks, phone down.
3. Show my husband more affection.

## In the WORKPLACE....

1. Do lunch w/that hurting colleague each week.
2. Lead a group of coworkers to serve.
3. Invite them to church soon.

## In the CHURCH...

1. Find a way to volunteer.
2. Become a consistent giver.
3. Join a community group.

## In the CITY...

1. Invest in the weekend soccer families.
2. Finally get involved with that Outreach partner.
3. Intentionally get to know my neighbors.

## Luke 10:1-20

The Lord now chose seventy-two other disciples and sent them ahead in pairs to all the towns and places He planned to visit. These were His instructions to them: “The harvest is great, but the workers are few. So pray to the Lord who is in charge of the harvest; ask Him to send more workers into His fields. Now go, and remember that I am sending you out as lambs among wolves. Don’t take any money with you, nor a traveler’s bag, nor an extra pair of sandals. And don’t stop to greet anyone on the road.”



## Luke 10:1-20

“Whenever you enter someone’s home, first say, ‘May God’s peace be on this house.’ If those who live there are peaceful, the blessing will stand; if they are not, the blessing will return to you. Don’t move around from home to home. Stay in one place, eating and drinking what they provide. Don’t hesitate to accept hospitality, because those who work deserve their pay. “If you enter a town and it welcomes you, eat whatever is set before you. Heal the sick, and tell them, ‘The Kingdom of God is near you now.’”

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“But if a town refuses to welcome you, go out into its streets and say, ‘We wipe even the dust of your town from our feet to show that we have abandoned you to your fate. And know this—the Kingdom of God is near!’ I assure you, even wicked Sodom will be better off than such a town on judgment day. What sorrow awaits you, Korazin and Bethsaida! For if the miracles I did in you had been done in wicked Tyre and Sidon, their people would have repented of their sins long ago, clothing themselves in burlap and throwing ashes on their heads to show their remorse.”

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“Yes, Tyre and Sidon will be better off on judgment day than you. And you people of Capernaum, will you be honored in heaven? No, you will go down to the place of the dead.” Then He said to the disciples, “Anyone who accepts your message is also accepting Me. And anyone who rejects you is rejecting Me. And anyone who rejects Me is rejecting God, who sent Me.”

## Luke 10:1-20

When the seventy-two disciples returned, they joyfully reported to Him, “Lord, even the demons obey us when we use Your name!” “Yes,” He told them, “I saw Satan fall from heaven like lightning! Look, I have given you authority over all the power of the enemy, and you can walk among snakes and scorpions and crush them. Nothing will injure you.

But don't rejoice because evil spirits obey you; rejoice because your names are registered in heaven.”

## Luke 10:2

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Where are Millennials and Gen Z going to meet these needs traditionally met by the Church?

## Basic Christianity

- Gather weekly with church fam.
- Pray and meditate daily on scripture.
- Share faith with others.
- Give generously.
- Live in community.
- Hold one another accountable.
- Be kind to others.
- Try and love everyone.
- Eat a lot with people.



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- Incarnation
- Samaria
- Gergasa
- Decapolis
- Syro-Phonecia

- Galilee
- Jerusalem
- Great Commission
- The First Martyr

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2. Healing: Lead with love.

If you want to make a point,  
make a difference first.

Most of us will never be heard because we haven't earned  
the right to be. No matter how compelling your message,  
it can't escape your reputation.

### Luke 10:8-9

“If you enter a town and it welcomes you, eat whatever is set before you. Heal the sick, and tell them, ‘The Kingdom of God is near you now.’”

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- “Ask [deomai] God to send more workers into His fields.”
- “Now go...”
- “Pack no bags.”
- “Don’t stop to greet anyone on the road.”
- “Don’t move around from home to home”
- “Wipe even the dust of the town from your feet”



Appeal to Death

“What if you die?”

Appeal to Life

“What if you live?”

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- “Lambs among wolves”
- “If those who live there are peaceful”
- “If a town refuses you”
- “Wipe even the dust from your feet”
- “What sorrow awaits them”
- “Anyone who rejects you is rejecting Me”
- Luke 8:4-15 – The Parable of the Sower
- Luke 9:18-27 – Jesus predicts His own rejection
- Luke 9:43-45 – Jesus predicts it again

## Why don't we bring Jesus' love to bear?

1. We believe everyone is doing alright.
2. We fear the shame of rejection.

Don't fear rejection because:  
Your worth is validated by God in Jesus.

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Luke 10:20

“Rejoice because your names are registered in heaven.”



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**Godly Individualism** - My worth is validated in the eyes of God based on Jesus' achievements.

You are freed from the painful sneers  
or intoxicating cheers of the crowd.

You are freed from all partisanship, being woke,  
or getting on the right side of history.

You are freed from having to be Insta-Famous.

You are freed from the constant  
buzz of distractions.

You are freed from the shame to  
blame our failings away.

You are freed from having to be  
a high achiever.

You are freed from the urge to build  
a veneer of morality and religiosity.



Don't fear rejection because:  
Love wins - yesterday, today, tomorrow, forever!

## 2020 Preaching Rhythm

1. Equip our church to live the Love the 'Ville lifestyle.
2. Cultivate passion, devotion, & commitment to the mission.

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Titles

Bonuses

Rewards

Trophies

Followers

Twitter Bios

*Achievement*

Wealth Signaling

Virtue Signaling

Highlight Reel Posting

*Image Management*

**“I’M GOOD”**

God  
Government  
Parents  
Church  
Authority Figures  
Literally Anyone Else

*Blame*

Pete Rose  
& The Astros  
Impeach  
Food Stamps  
Australia

Human Rights  
Animals  
Abortion  
Race

*Cause*

Tech  
Self-Medicate  
Entertainment

*Distraction*

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# LOVE THE 'VILLE LIFESTYLE

