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#### Matthew 28:19-20

"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."

#### Matthew 5-7 (NIV)

"Therefore everyone who hears these words of Mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall,

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because it had its foundation on the rock. But everyone who hears these words of Mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand.

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The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash."

#### Romans 12:1-2 (NIV)

"Therefore I urge you brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices holy and pleasing to God. For this is your spiritual act of worship. Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world,

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but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is, His good, pleasing and perfect will."

### Matthew 10:39 (NIV)

"Whoever finds their life will lose it and whoever loses their life for My sake will find it."

### "Home"

That I will love my wife like only I can.

- Being near her at bed time.
- Making the bed in the morning

### My Kids

- I will always answer their phone calls.
- I will always say yes when they ask to spend time with me.

### "City"

- If a neighbor is on the street, I will always talk to them before going inside.
- I will be the chaplain for South Oldham High's Football & Wrestling Teams.

# We will become an <u>equipping hub</u> that trains people to unleash Jesus' love in their everyday lives.

"They equipped me to confidently take Jesus into the rest of my life, Monday to Saturday."

# We will build a robust communal rule of life so our people grow in intimacy with God.

"I have rhythms and restrictions that actually help me resist popular culture and connect with God."

## We will ensure every person can name their <u>pastor and friends</u> within the church.

"I have a pastor who knows and loves me, and I have some of my closest relationships in the church."

# We will continue to build our reputation as the Love the 'Ville Church through our social concern.

"No one loves the poor and the marginalized of this city like Northeast. Those people are everywhere."

### We will be a <u>multi-ethnic</u> congregation.

"People of different colors and cultures are represented in their church, partnerships, and leadership."

### We will lead in facilitating <u>unity</u> among diverse churches in the 'Ville.

"They bring all sorts of churches together. There is no spirit of superiority or competition. Same team."

## We will invest disproportionately in discipling our <u>youth</u>, especially the most committed.

"They are the place for your kid to get the sort of intensive discipleship training they need today."

# We will create thoughtful and beautiful expressions of the Kingdom for our community.

"Every time they create content, media, art, music, anything, it really strikes a chord with me."

### We will be a congregation who knows, honors, and reads the <u>Bible</u>.

"I grasp the story of the Bible, respect it as authoritative, know how to read it, and actually read it."

### We will be a people of unceasing <u>prayer</u>.

"They figured out prayer. We pray all the time and it's not boring or weird, it's lifegiving."

"The whole city seemed to be breathing a spiritual atmosphere. It was very easy to speak to the unsaved about their soul's salvation. They expected it. Everywhere, in shop and store, in the mill and factory, in the office and the home, and on the streets, salvation was the main topic of conversation. Even the actors and actresses hastened at the close of their plays to the meetings. All classes were under the power of the Spirit. In the meetings, men of wealth and intelligence and men who had spent the greater part of their lives in prison cells came shoulder to shoulder to a common mercy seat. Here and there you would see ladies dressed in the height of fashion arise to their feet and with them would rise their poor sisters dressed in the garments of poverty all alike forgetful of their surroundings, intent only on the one thing needful, the salvation of their souls."