

St Ives and St John's Vision Stage 1: Big Picture

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Nurture

We are called to Nurture the faith of one other through preaching, teaching, encouraging each other, sharing fellowship together and praying together.

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship... Acts 2.42

Do not giving up meeting together, and encourage one another. Hebrews 10.25

Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom... Colossians 3.16

Worship

We are called to Worship together in songs and through the breaking of bread. To baptise new believers and to mark the significant points of life in acts of worship.

They devoted themselves... ..to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

Acts 2.42

Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts.

They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favour of all the people. Acts 2.46

...through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts Colossians 3.16

Evangelism

We are called to Evangelise the world, proclaiming the good news through word and action and by the unity that we have with one another.

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... Matthew 28.19

I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me.

John 17.20-21

Service

We are called to Serve each other and the world around us. Not being hearers of the word only but also doers. We are to live generously, kindly, patiently and humbly together, to keep a tight rein on our tongues and to get rid of all gossip and backbiting. We are called to practically love all those in need.

... clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Colossians 3.12

Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress... ..If you really keep the royal law found in Scripture, "Love your neighbour as yourself," you are doing right. James 1.27-2.1