



VISIONweekend2024

# WEEKEND RESOURCES | AUGUST 18, 2024

Vision Weekend | Strength to Strength

USE THESE QUESTIONS AND RESOURCES TO HELP YOU PROCESS THE MESSAGE DURING YOUR STUDY TIME OR WITH YOUR GROUP.

**Message Recap:** The Vision we feel God is calling us to as a church is Strength to Strength. Our strength now is for a reason beyond where we are and what we have—to reach more people and invite everyone to experience that following Jesus Makes Life Better.

## » Main Points

- Strength to Strength - Salt and Light
- Unity
- Love
- Sacrifice
- The Church grows when the gospel is in action.

## » Getting Started

- What is the meaning of life?

## » Observation

- Read and reflect on [Matthew 5:13-16; 10:5-7 \(The Message Version\); Psalm 84:5-7; John 17:20-26; 13:34-35](#).
- What are your initial reactions to these passages? What do you find challenging? Are you encouraged by any of these verses?

### reachout

- Look around your neighborhood, office space, and kids' sports teams. Find a way this week to make a difference in someone's life. How can you increase unity or love in those spaces? What kind of sacrifice is it going to take from you?

### growdeep

- What are some markers for being “salt” and “light” today?
- Why do you think unity is so important to the Church? What happens to the witness of the Church when there is disunity among Christians and churches?
- We don't get to define love because Jesus already defined it. Describe what love is according to John 13:34-35.
- Pursuing and participating in God's mission always carries a cost. It is almost never convenient and rarely easy. And yet, it's always worth the cost. What prevents people from sacrificing their time and finances for God's mission?

### partner with families

- As a family, talk about the areas God has placed each of you where you can have an opportunity to be salt and light—places like your kids' school, your workplace, your block. Then, talk about what it looks like to show unity, love, and sacrifice for the sake of Christ in each of those places. Pray for each family member that God would give you the opportunity and confidence to be salt and light in those ways.

## » Next Steps and Prayer

- Read through “[The Church I See](#).” How can you play an active role in this vision for our church?
- Close by asking the Lord to help you pursue unity, love, and sacrifice throughout this next year.