

# SURFACE TO SOUL

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## Sample Vision for Lifelong Faith

Thriving congregations clearly describe what a maturing faith looks like at every age and life stage. They describe when, where, and how faith is formed in daily life. They describe the roles family members, friends, and members of their faith communities play in equipping people to follow in the way of Jesus. Listed below is one version of a church's basic vision and plan for forming within and beyond their congregational setting. Use the insights from this plan to help your leaders craft your own vision of a vision for lifelong faith formation.

### PURPOSE MATTERS

We are a vibrant Christian community where we help people know and follow Jesus. We invite people to be present to God and others as we worship, learn, serve, and celebrate together.

### VALUES MATTER

As we seek to follow Jesus, we are passionate about and energized by . . .

- **Worship** that is Spirit-driven, inclusive, participatory, inclusive, and joyful.
- **Sharing** our faith with others through giving, serving, prayer, and storytelling,
- **Serving** others out of our strengths that reflect our values, vision, giftedness, and callings

### PEOPLE MATTER

We seek to create a web of support for every Christ-followers that includes . . .

- Parents, friends, and family members
- Grandparents and godparents/sponsors
- Pastors and program staff from our church
- Friends and faith mentors from our church

### PRACTICES MATTER

We want to equip people to practice their faith daily and become comfortable having faith-related conversations.

- **PRAY** daily . . . individually and with friends and family members.
- **READ** and reflect on scripture at least a few times a week.
- **SHARE** life and faith stories with family members and friends, at home and on the go.
- Use their time, talents, and financial resources to **BLESS** their neighbors and community.

### PLACES MATTER

We seek to inspire and encourage people of all ages to practice faith . . .

- **At home** . . . through caring conversations, learning, and devotional resources.
- **At church** . . . through engaging worship, milestones celebrations, classes, and learning/servant events.
- **Online** . . . through curated websites, podcasts, and downloadable resources.
- **On the go** . . . through providing faith forming tools to use when driving and while on vacation.



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