

## A Healthy, Balanced Life Part 2 – HHBC 3D Series August 31, 2014

### I. Review:

We are in week two of our “3D” series. We began last week by walking through our church’s **Mission, Vision, and Values** and introducing the concept of “3D” (**three-dimensional**) church membership. “3D” means a member...

- *Consistently participate in **weekend services***
- *Consistently do life together with other Christians through **Community Groups***
- *Consistently **serve** in and/or through one of the ministries of the church*

Last week we discussed the relationship between our Mission (*Love God, Love People, Make Disciples*) and “3D” as an avenue for the **desires God gives believers to love Him, love one another, and serve** from •Romans 12:9-11.

Today we will be examining the **relationship** between the **Vision and Values** of the church and “3D”.

### II. Discussion: What is the Relationship between the Vision and Values of HHBC and “3D”?

To begin, the concept of “3D” is woven deep into the fabric of our **Mission, Vision, and Values**. Let’s read them:

**Vision Statement:** *Our vision is to become a diverse family of surrendered and transformed people who passionately love God and others. We endeavor to be a body that is overcome by the reality that this life is not about us, but all about the glory of God. We want to be transfixed by the gospel of Jesus Christ and compelled by His heart for our world. We strive to be seed-throwers and fire-starters, hope-announcers and grace-givers, risk-takers and constant-reformers, lifelong-learners and sold-out doers. We desire to be a people who gladly give our lives to free the captive, strengthen the weak, embrace the outcast, and seek out the lost. Because Scripture is our authority, we strive to be a family that serves together, studies the Word together, plays together, worships together, and lives life together. By God’s grace our world will be changed because we are here.*

**Six Values:** As a church body, we value...

1. **Glorifying God** – *We value the passionate pursuit of knowing God and walking with Him.*
2. **Submitting to the Authority of Scripture** – *We value the sufficiency of Scripture in every aspect of our lives.*
3. **Living the Gospel of Jesus Christ** – *We value sharing the Gospel and making disciples.*
4. **Serving with a Kingdom Perspective** – *We value living our lives focused upon what will matter most for eternity.*
5. **Cherishing the Local Church** – *We value the essential role of the church in the sanctification of the believer and salvation of the nations.*
6. **Doing Life Together as a Christ-Centered Community** – *We value that God uniquely uses personal relationships to sanctify and sharpen believers*

In the end, the **Vision** of our church is just that: a vision of what we believe God desires us to become as a church. And our **Six Values** are our way of clearly communicating what we believe God has called us to value as a church.

Thus, as we discuss the relationship between our **Vision** and **Values** and “3D”, we must begin with a clear picture of the way God yearns for His church to exist, and how we, through His Spirit, can also live in this way for His glory.

### Three Truths Related to the Heart Behind the Vision and Values of our Church:

**Acts 2:42-47;** this is a marvelous example of life within the early church, and it reveals the heart behind our **Vision** and **Values**. Thus, let’s look at this passage through the lens of our **Vision** and **Values** and discuss the truths therein.

1. The early church was completely united in their devotion to one another.
2. The early church was completely dependent on God for its future and growth as *“The Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.”*
3. Each of Henderson Hills’ **Six Values** finds their foundation in this passage:

1. **Glorifying God** – *In verse 47, we read how those in the early church were “praising God”.*
2. **Submitting to the Authority of Scripture** – *In verse 42, we read they were “devoted to the apostles’ teaching”.*
3. **Living the Gospel of Jesus Christ** – *In verse 47 God “added to their number day by day those who were being saved”.*
4. **Serving with a Kingdom Perspective** – *In verse 45, we read, “they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need.”*
5. **Cherishing the Local Church** – *In verse 46, we read they were “day by day attending temple together”.*
6. **Doing Life Together as a Christ-Centered Community** – *In verse 44, we read, “all who believed were together”.*

As a church, we desire to be biblical in our vision and values and to reflect the level of devotion of the early church.

### **III. Application: The Fulfillment of our Vision and Values within “3D”**

Lastly, what do our **Six Values** look like when combined and integrated with “3D”? When church members...

1. Consistently participate in one of the **weekend services**, they do so as people **who value, and are being changed by, *Glorifying God, Submitting to the Authority of Scripture, and Cherishing the Local Church.***
2. Consistently do life together in a **Community Group**, they do so as people **who value, and are being changed by, *Doing Life Together as a Christ-Centered Community.***
3. Consistently **serve** within a ministry of Henderson Hills, they do so as people **who value, and are being changed by, *Living the Gospel of Jesus Christ* and *Serving with a Kingdom Perspective.***

Our prayer is that through emphasizing church membership as a 3 dimensional concept, we as a church body will fulfill our **Vision** and live out the **Six Values** we have set forth, and in all of these things, bring glory to our God.

Next week we will look at the first aspect of “3D” membership – the importance of corporate worship.

### **Small Group Discussion Questions:**

1. *Now that you have read through the Vision and Values for a couple of weeks, in what ways has your mind and heart been changed by them?*
2. *In what specific ways did the early church care for each other, and how does our church’s Vision reflect this care? Likewise, what might happen if we truly followed the example of the early church and fulfilled the Vision of HHBC?*
3. *What can we learn from all the ways the church took care of one another and that God added to their number day by day those who were being saved?*
4. *What are some of the ways our six values are represented in Acts 2:42-47?*
5. *With hearing how our Six Values are integrated with the concept of “3D”, is “3D” beginning to make sense? How so?*