\* 2018 VISION \* THE SECOND REFORMATION Who we are and where we're headed.

#### Message Recap: Read Luke 10:25-37

There is no such thing as a "do nothing" love! Jesus tells us to love God with all our heart, soul and strength as well as love those around us. (See Luke 10:27) This is extravagant love. This vision produces passionate people. More than this, we are to put action behind our love and do these things so we can truly live. (See Luke 10:28) The Severn Run vision is "a new mission movement". This is when we move toward something that is broken and through the Holy Spirit we create relationship with those in need. We get out of living in the "dead zone" where we maintain distance from others. We do this by reading the Bible and praying every day. Then out of our relationship with Jesus we go and do something bold to bind up something broken.

## Pray

Dear Jesus, we want to be more like you! We want to love like you did. We want to love as you have instructed us to do. Speak to us through our daily Bible reading. Open our eyes to see the brokenness around us every day. Inspire us to take action, building relationships with our neighbors and doing whatever it takes to love and bind the brokenness in your name. Amen

# The Second Reformation Part 1

Week of January 14, 2018

These Digging Deeper questions can be used the week following the Sunday message. You can use these questions for personal growth and development, or as a guide for your family or Connect Group discussions.

#### **Getting Started**

- Tell of a time when a vision inspired you to do something crazy and with passion.
- Why is vision, whether at work, home, in family or our church community, so important to creating passion?

## **Digging Deeper**

- 1. Read Luke 10:27-28. Why is the vision that Jesus laid out in these verse so important to our eternal life?
- 2. Is loving your neighbor a difficult thing to do? Why? If not, what are some ways you've shown love to your neighbor.
- Notice the "do" portion of the response Jesus gave in verse 28. When this piece of the vision takes hold of our lives what does that look like?
- 4. Why do you think our culture would tell us to avoid getting involved with the needs of those around us and to keep our distance? Why do church members avoid it?
- 5. In what ways does our proximity to the broken reflect our relationship with God?
- 6. When you find yourself living in the "dead zone", how do you get unstuck? What did that "dead zone" look like in your life?
- 7. What are the most important steps you can take to start taking bold action in binding up something broken?

### **Living Jesus**

Will you be the one who walked past the beaten traveler or will you be the one who helped? The one that stops, cares, and takes action? Our God is not a "be comfortable" god. He is the God of love who takes action to mend the brokenness. When we love him with all our heart, soul and mind, we will be people that reach out and build relationships with those in need around us. Your challenge? Read the Bible every single day seeing it thorough new lenses. Take action this week and every week to do something bold to bind up something broken. Taking these steps in your life will set you free.

### Your Story

Share two examples of needs that you are aware of around you. What action will you take this week to mend this brokenness?

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