

## The Vision and Mission of Metro Life Church

The purpose of articulating Vision and Mission is to bring *clarity* to a local church on its purpose and *structure* the activities that serve the stated purpose. Vision defines the purpose and mission defines how it is carried out. Informed by Scripture, the vision and mission of a local church serves to focus and align people, resources, and responsibilities around a common goal. Vision and mission alone don't accomplish this; nor do they say everything that a church is. But hopefully they do serve to move in the same direction toward a unified goal. The vision of a local church doesn't originate from the church; God has already made plain what we were created for. So our vision is informed by His vision! Our mission is to keep us on track in practical ways with His vision for our lives individually and corporately!

### I. Vision Statement

#### **Metro Life Church – Pursuing the glory of God**

God is altogether glorious, and His glory is above all things. We join with Moses and believers through the ages with this desire, “Show me your glory!”

But what does glory mean? How do we articulate it? Glory is “making God look good, like he is.”

We want to “declare his glory among the nations (Psalm 96:3).” We want to see God's glory over all the earth (Psalm 108:5). We want to grasp that nothing in this life can be compared to the glory that will be revealed to us (Romans 8:18). We want to live everyday aware of the Day when we will appear with him in glory (Colossians 3:4), and we will dwell with God in a city that needs no light, for the glory of God will be its light (Revelation 21:23)!

God not only reveals His glory, but also invites us into a relationship of experiencing and spreading His glory. Therefore, “whether we eat or drink, or whatever we do”, our vision is to pursue the glory of God! It's simple, but beyond us, as it should be!

### II. Mission Statement

**Empowered by the Spirit, we pursue the glory of God by *loving Him, growing together, and proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ.***

**1. Loving God** - God first loved us by giving us His Son. We display a passion for His glory as the Spirit fills our hearts with love for Him.

“You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.” – Matthew 22:37

Loving God finds expression through our commitment to:

**Scripture** – Scripture is God’s gift to us that enables us to know His love and to grow in our love for Him. Therefore, we are devoted to His Word.

**Worship** – We want to live in such a way that demonstrates we love God and delight to bring Him glory. God’s glory permeates all of life and so we live life unto Him.

**Discipleship** – Loving God creates in us a desire to be like Him. Because we love Him, we follow Him and join with others in helping them do the same.

**2. Growing Together** – *It brings God glory as we become like Christ and God intends for us to grow in Him in relationship with one another.*

“...from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.” – Ephesians 4:15-16

Growing together finds expression through our commitment to:

**Community** – God has called us to experience life together. We regularly meet with one another for our growth in Him.

**Maturity** – We encourage and spur one another on in our relationship with Christ. We aim to be a people who are becoming more Christ-like.

**Serving** – We use our gifts, talents and time to build up the body of Christ. We serve one another as unto the Lord.

**3. Proclaiming Christ** – *God reveals His glory through the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We proclaim Christ through Spirit-filled demonstration and declaration.*

“And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.” – Colossians 3:17

Proclaiming Christ finds expression through our commitment to:

**Evangelism** – The Church has been called to take the Gospel to the world. We value every member sharing the Good News of the Gospel and making disciples of Jesus Christ.

**Outreach** – A local church proclaims the Gospel and demonstrates the Gospel through practical expressions of mercy and care. We invest in our community to show the love of Christ in practical ways.

**Partnership** – The New Testament depicts local churches in one community in partnership with local churches in other communities. We partner with other churches near and far to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

