

# Vine A Visionary Series



## Lesson 1 Fan, Friend, Follower

**Habakkuk 1:5** “Look at the nations and watch—and be utterly amazed. For I am going to do something in your days that you would not believe, even if you were told. ***New International Version***

**Habakkuk 2:2** And the LORD answered me: “Write the vision; **make it plain** on tablets, **so he may run who reads it.** ***English Standard Version***

We exist to see a city connected with God

### Fan Friend Follower

#### ***Fan***

**Defined:** These are the people on the fringe of BC – the shallow end of the pool. Some know God, but the majority are far from Him. Our goal is to create such a compelling experience that they want to come back for more.

#### **On Ramps:**

1. Members shining their light outside of BC and inviting their friends to church or groups
2. The Weekend Experience
3. Attractional Events (IE. Super Bowl Weekend, Easter, At the Movies, Christmas w/ the Family)
4. BCTV
5. Outreaches

#### ***Friend***

**Defined:** You can't be a fan forever – eventually, we want to provide

strategic on-ramps for people to connect in a deeper way. A friend is someone who has made a relational connection with the church – taking an interest in who we are, attending services, and possibly desiring to become a part.

**On Ramps:**

1. Connect Groups
2. SQ1
3. NXT
4. Volunteering

***Follower***

**Defined:** This is the deep end of the pool. People hungry for God, committing to follow Jesus and do what He says. Followers are disciples making disciples.

**On Ramps:**

1. Connect groups
2. Discipleship Tracks
3. Leadership Training
4. Volunteering

**Lifestyle:**

1. Working towards spiritual maturity
2. Displaying fruits of the Spirit
3. Giving a percentage of their income & Honoring God with finances
4. Own the vision of the Church – reaching people far from God and turning them into disciples
5. These people have our DNA, and they are disciples making disciples

**3 Priorities @ BC**

1. The Weekend Experience
2. Connect Groups
3. Volunteering

“Good is the enemy of the great.” – Jim Collins

**Core value number one**

We Build Bridges, Not Barriers

We are committed to building a church where unchurched people are

drawn to Jesus in an irresistible way. Everything we do is designed to reach people far from God & bring them into a growing relationship with Him. (1 Co 9:19-23, Mark 16:15-16, Luke 19:10)

As a church grows and becomes established there is a gravitational pull toward keeping people rather than reaching people. Andy Stanley

"You'll never be a bridge unless people walk on you" Steve Kelly (Wave Church)

### **Core Value number two**

We are Married to the Message, not the Method

Our message is the unchanging word of God. Our method is constantly changing to reach a constantly changing culture. We are fluid and flexible, ready for anything that the future throws our way. (2 Tim 3:16-17, Acts 17:16-34)

"Vegas has nothing to say but they know how to say it... The church has everything to say but so often we don't know how to say it." Ed Young Jr.

### **Core Value number three**

We are Generational

We honor those who have come before us and bless those who come behind. We are a church for every stage of life, thankful for what God has done and anticipating what He will do. (Psalm 145:3-4, Lev 19:32, Eph 6:4)

### **How do we show value to the young?**

1. We create opportunities for young people to be engaged in the vision of the church...
2. We show them that we value their opinion by asking them what they think
3. We lean to the younger style in our music, media and look of the building

Young people... we need your energy. Old people, we need your maturity.

***Psalm 71:18*** Even when I am old and gray, do not forsake me, my God, **till I declare your power to the next generation**, your mighty acts to all who are to come. ***New International Version***

"If you're not dead... you're not done!" – Craig Groeschel

#### **Core value number 4**

No Perfect People Allowed

This is a place where it's ok to not be ok. We believe that God meets us in our mess, and we give people the space to grow in His grace. (2 Pet 3:18, Mark 2:17, 1 Pet 2:2, Titus 3:1-8)

**Titus 3:1** Remind the people to be subject to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready to do whatever is good, **2** to slander no one, to be peaceable and **considerate**, and always to be **gentle toward everyone. 3 At one time** we too were foolish, disobedient, deceived and enslaved by all kinds of passions and pleasures. We lived in malice and envy, being hated and hating one another. **4** But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, **5 he saved us**, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, **New International Version**

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