

Vision

1. (image of bullseye target from welcome 101 manual)
 - a. “Lake Forest Church aspires to grow *more and better followers of Jesus* Christ, who are being *transformed into missionaries of God’s love* to our community and to cultures around the world.”
 - b. Numbers and Stories
2. 2008 will be a year to:
 - a. Prepare
 - b. Optimize
 - c. Ready
 - d. Fortify
 - e. Organize
 - f. Plan
 - g. Strengthen
 - h. the foundational factors that enable our vision – leadership, structure, MP’s, planning, physical capacity, finances.
 - i. *Look for an email with our ‘Vision and Life-Stage Strategic Plan’ this Wednesday.
3. As God grows us into a large church, we not only aspire to learn how to be effective at our mission on a new scale, with new organizational complexity (i.e. good organizational behavior and leadership appropriate to our size...
4. We also aspire to be even MORE the unique Jesus Community God is making us into...
 - a. Our core aspirations are:
 - b. *Safe and compelling for people who’ve given up on church but haven’t given up on God*
 - c. Life Together
 - d. Creativity
 - e. Purple Church
 - f. On the *Missio Dei*
 - g. GRACE-infused
5. GRACE II Corinthians 5
 - a. II Cor. 5:17 “Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!”
 - b. V. 18 “All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation.”
 - c. To reconcile = To make compatible
6. GRACE II Corinthians 5
 - a. V.19, 20 “God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men’s sins against them. And he has committed to us the

message of reconciliation. We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God.

7. GRACE II Corinthians 5
 - a. V. 21 "God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God."
8. Implications of GRACE:
 - a. 1. Your sin doesn't make you unacceptable.
 - b. 2. You can take refuge in Christ when you sin, fail, or fall away.
 - c. 3. Consequences of sin need not rob you of intimacy with the Father.
 - d. 4. Since you did not behave your way into this relationship, you cannot misbehave your way out.
9. In 2008, we will hyper-focus on development in three areas:
 - a. Ministry Partners
 - b. Mission
 - c. Planning & Infrastructure
 - d. (Look for the PDF this week in email on the web; right now update your email address on your comment card)
10. *More and better followers of Jesus*
 - a. *Missionaries of God's love*
 - b. *For the common good – to the Glory of God!*
11. Application:
 - a. **Not a member here?** Choose and commit to a church, join, radically give your time, talent and treasure toward God's vision for that church.
 - b. **LFC Ministry Partners:** Live in grace (the realized identity of being the beloved of God moment-by-moment) and out grace in community, while doing the same as above.