

Vision of the Church in Cape Town in 2060

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Key themes:

1. *Intimacy* with the Father, Son and Holy Spirit

- John 13: 23-25 “One of them, the disciple whom Jesus loved, was reclining next to him.²⁴ Simon Peter motioned to this disciple and said, “Ask him which one he means.”²⁵ Leaning back against Jesus, he asked him, “Lord, who is it?”
- The Church takes a posture like John, who knows his identity as ‘the Beloved’, and continuously leans back against Jesus. From this place of intimacy we receive revelation and hear the secrets of Jesus’ heart.
- Every church and person knows they have access and intimacy; we do not need to ask others to lean back against Jesus on our behalf, because we can go there ourselves. ‘Being’ before ‘doing’.
- All fruitfulness flows from intimacy: prioritise intimacy in our meetings.

2. The *Presence* of God is experienced throughout the city, not just in church meetings

- The city of Cape Town is known as a city in Africa and the world where God encounters His people, and where healings are common place throughout the city.
- Great awareness of God in the city, such as during the Hebrides revival in Scotland (1948-52). Churches gather around His presence.
- His Presence brings reconciliation between people groups as a result of churches working together to promote 'one new man in Christ'.
- The church contends together for the city to be a disease-free zone, eg. a cancer-free zone.

3. *Influencing* and blessing the 7 mountains of culture

- Cape Town Christians are active in growing / influencing / and providing God-given solutions and strategies for the areas of Business, Arts & Entertainment, Family, Education, Government, Media, and Religion.
- The church activates influencers to serve the city's institutions and government offices, and to demonstrate love to businesses.
- Cape Town invents and blesses the world with incredible Godly solutions for our times. E.g. more medical breakthroughs, design & creativity, software & IT, and environmental & water programmes.
- Through the church strategically partnering and connecting with other churches around the world, our city and others will be built up and prosper.

4. Restoration of *fathers* to the generations

- Restoration of the ‘fatherless generation’ and orphan spirit in Cape Town.
- The church takes on the mantle of Elijah to “turn the hearts of the fathers to their children and the disobedient to the wisdom of the righteous—to make ready a people prepared for the Lord” (Luke 1:17)
- The church models godly fathers and mothers to the city, and trains people in wisdom and righteousness.
- The church gathers around ‘fathers’, not ‘denominations’
- Godly fathers and mothers, with people belonging within spiritual /physical families, removes the need for gangs in Cape Town.

5. The *supernatural* is commonplace

- The church in Cape Town is naturally supernatural, and regularly moves in signs, wonders and miracles.
- John 14:12 “Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father.” This becomes reality.
- Increase in corresponding spiritual authority as a result of knowing God and seeing from Heaven’s perspective.
- Receiving the ministry of angels: Acts portrays angels assisting and partnering with the early church, and the church in Cape Town will see and partner regularly with God’s ministering spirits. Eg. Acts 12: Peter’s miraculous escape from prison.