

## CCCC Vision Explained

***A mosaic of Christ-abiding churches multiplying and making disciples one life at a time.***

A **vision statement** is a concise declaration of an organization's aspirational future — what it hopes to become. It serves as a north star, guiding decisions and culture, and paints a picture of *why* the organization exists.

### Breaking down the CCCC Vision Statement

#### **The Mosaic — *Many Pieces, One Beautiful Image***

In the ancient world, a **tessera** (plural: *tesserae*) was a single small tile — often stone, glass, or ceramic. Many tesserae were imperfect, even broken, yet an artist would take those fractured pieces and arrange them into something breathtaking and unified.

The CCCC is just that — a mosaic. Each congregation and its members are a tessera: unique in size, culture, and expression. Some churches may feel small or broken. Yet Christ, the master artist, places each one with purpose. Together, we form a single, glorious image — the Body of Christ made visible in the world.

#### **Christ-Abiding — *Rooted in John 15***

The phrase "**Christ-abiding**" is the theological heartbeat of the vision, drawn directly from **John 15**, where Jesus declares:

*"I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing."* — John 15:5

Abiding is not passive — it is a posture of deep, continuous relational dependence on Christ. **Abiding in Christ is our ministry philosophy**, not merely a spiritual discipline. Without abiding, activity becomes fruitless. With abiding, even the smallest tessera yields lasting fruit.

#### **Multiplying and Making Disciples — *One Life at a Time***

The closing phrase anchors the vision in the **Great Commission** (Matthew 28:19–20) on a deeply personal scale. Churches are not merely growing institutions — they are communities that invest in *individual lives*. Discipleship happens one conversation, one person at a time. The mosaic grows, tessera by tessera, as each life touched becomes part of the larger, Spirit-formed image.

## CCCC Mission Explained

***The CCCC develops Christ-like leaders, builds disciple-making churches, and multiplies gospel-centered congregations for the advance of God’s kingdom.***

A mission statement defines *what an organization does now* to move toward its vision — the active, present-tense commitment that gives the vision hands and feet.

### **Breaking down the CCCC Mission Statement**

#### **Developing Christ-like leaders—The Individual**

Everything begins with a person. Before institutions are built or movements launched, leaders must be formed. The word *develop* is intentional — it suggests a process, not an event. Christlikeness is not downloaded; it is cultivated over time through Scripture, community, suffering, and surrender.

This means investing deeply in pastors, elders, ministry leaders, and emerging servants — shaping their character before their competency, their soul before their strategy. This reflects the pattern of Jesus himself, who spent three years forming twelve ordinary people before entrusting them with an extraordinary mission.

Developing Christ-like leaders is the essential first movement of the entire mission.

#### **Building Disciple-Making Churches—The Means**

Healthy leaders, formed in Christlikeness, naturally build healthy churches. Our mission is not merely to build *growing or programmatically excellent* churches — it is to build disciple-making churches.

This connects to the vision’s language of abiding in John 15: branches that abide in the Vine bear fruit — disciples transformed by the gospel and equipped to reproduce that transformation in others.

#### **Multipling Gospel-Centered Congregations—The Movement**

The mission does not end with one healthy church. Our calling is to multiply — to plant new congregations, extend the gospel's reach into new communities, and ensure that the disciple-making DNA reproduces itself in entirely new bodies of believers.

The term *gospel-centered* is a crucial anchor: these congregations are not built around a personality or a methodology, but around the person and work of Jesus Christ — his life, death, resurrection, and lordship — as both the entry point and the ongoing center.

Multiplication is the natural outgrowth of the first two movements — developed leaders and disciple-making churches cannot help but reproduce, just as a healthy vine in John 15 inevitably bears more fruit.