

VISION & GOALS FOR OPENDOOR CHURCH IN 2022

OUR VISION:

To be **CHURCH AMONG THE PEOPLE**.

Being both **Church** and **Among the People** are vital for us in where we are heading.

By **Church**, we mean a community of people, joined together through faith in Jesus, who love one another, follow him as disciples in everyday life and among whom God's presence lives.

By **Among the People** we express our calling to live alongside others in our town and wherever we go, continually reaching out with the love and Good News of Jesus to those who don't yet know him.

Q1 - talk together about why both of these are important and how your group can help us grow in these things.

OUR STRATEGIC GOALS FOR 2022:

GOAL 1) GROWING TOGETHER

To grow together as disciples of Jesus, loving one another and becoming more like him, evidenced by at least **120 people in small and/or discipleship groups** and **100 stories of deeper devotion, personal obedience, loving one another, life change etc.**

Q2 - discuss together your plans for the next group season, e.g. whether your group will continue, come to an end, or something else. What are people thinking about which group(s) they will be part of?

GOAL 2) MISSION

To respond enthusiastically to the call to go and reach those who don't yet know Jesus, evidenced by at least **100 stories of intentional connection, acts of courage or compassion, faith conversations, etc, with people outside of the church.**

Q3 - talk about the importance of stories for us as a church. What are the barriers for you in sharing stories and how could you get over these?

Q4 - do you have any stories of GROWING TOGETHER or MISSION from this year already? Please send them to us at stories@opendoorchurch.co.uk or through the website.

GOAL 3) PRAYER

That prayer continues to become increasingly central to our church life, evidenced by **over 50 people joining in with each of our 3 Prayer Weeks this year.**

Q5 - start talking about the 20th - 27th February and how you will join in with our next week of prayer.

GOAL 4) LEADERSHIP

To strengthen and refresh our senior leadership teams by **growing both our Eldership and Trustee teams** and for **2 of our existing Elders to take sabbaticals**.

(Note: mention the recent strengthening of our Core Leaders is an important part of this too).

GOAL 5) PLANNING

To **develop a medium term plan** of how we intend to move forward as *Church Among the People* over the next 2 to 3 years, **including clear and cohesive goals across different ministry areas** and consideration of the type of buildings and facilities we will need, enabling **a decision to be made on the future of the ODCC**.

Q6 - commit to pray for those involved in goals 4 & 5 behind the scenes. Please encourage people to join in with the Church Family Meeting on Sun 30th January. If coming in person, please book and you are welcome from 6pm for drinks. If coming online, the zoom will start just before the meeting starts at 7pm.