

How is Your Vision? – April 28th

Would anyone here admit to using trifocal lenses? For you Millennials, trifocal glasses are what we of the more mature generation need to be able to read your texts on our smartphones! Just wait; after years of reading that small print, you, too, will have to wear corrective lenses, which might be trifocals.

If those of you under the age of 50 are not aware of what trifocals are, here is the Wikipedia definition...

Trifocals are **eyeglasses** with lenses with three regions correct for distance, intermediate (arm's length), and near vision.

It's easy to spot people who wear trifocals by the way they must bob their heads up and down to get the text into proper focus. Sometimes we look and feel like chickens, but the good news is that we can still read! So, whether we are looking right in front of us, a way away from us, or in the distance, we can see clearly what needs to be done.

Our church has a tri-focal vision! Our vision statement is, **list your statement or simply pick up on this next sentence.** Jesus' last words drive our vision to his disciples in Acts 1:8, where he said, "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

We view the world through the trifocal lens of Acts 1:8. Our Jerusalem is our city and the surrounding area. Our mission is to impact our area for Christ. For us, our Judea and Samaria are our nation, and of course, the ends of the earth are missionary work abroad. To simplify it, we have a worldwide vision that begins when you leave our parking lot.

Like trifocals, there are times when our vision is focused locally. At other times we are focused on missional work beyond our region. Yet, there is never a time when we are not considering and keeping watch on how we can work our vision, whether near or far.

Every time you give here at YOUR CHURCH NAME, you help keep in focus our vision of Acts 1:8. We use your generous gifts to be the best witnesses for Jesus we can be. Our world is in great need, and through the power of Christ, we have the Good News to share with the world both near and far. That is why we exist, and that is why your gift is so important to us.

Looking at our world through the trifocal lenses of Acts 1:8 keeps us on course. Your gift gives us the fuel to keep moving forward!