



Vision and Commitment 2018  
**A year to focus on discipleship**

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## Vision and Commitment Sunday - Interactive Worship

### Theme

The key Bible passage for Vision and Commitment Sunday is 2 Peter 1:3–11. By exploring the characteristics of a whole-life disciple, people will hopefully be inspired and challenged to either begin to follow Christ or continue to grow in their holistic journey of discipleship, becoming all God created them to be.

### Preparation

- A fishing rod and bucket, wool and knitting needles, paint and brushes, football boots and shin pads, a mixing bowl and wooden spoon, a notebook and a pen.
- The words in Appendix 1. Print out a number of copies for people to colour in or use for collage.
- Lollipop sticks, string, glue and colouring pens.

### Introduction

Display the objects all mixed up and ask the question ‘What things go together?’ Ask people to come and help you pair them up.

Introduce the idea of needing to have the right tools for the job.

2 Peter 1:3 says that God’s ‘divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of him’. Help people to explore what this means, thank God for his provision and respond to his hope and faith in them as his people - his church.

### Thought

Ineffective and unproductive, these are the words that Paul uses in verse 8 to describe Christians who are living in a world where they are surrounded by false teaching and theories. In verses 5-6 he calls on them to concentrate on the things that set them apart from the world: faith, goodness, knowledge, self-control, perseverance, godliness, mutual affection and love. These are the qualities that can be developed within our lives.

Discussion: Ask people to discuss in groups what ‘tools’ God has given us to help us get to know him better.

Then we need to seek to put what we believe into practice.





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We have to BE and live. Jesus said to his disciples in Acts 1:8, ‘...you will be my witnesses’ not ‘you will do witnessing’.

It is out of our being that we are called into action and we cannot fail to be productive and effective because our action is empowered by God.

However, be aware; in the business world results can be clearly measured and recorded, we can easily tell by sales figures whether something is a success. It is not the same with the Kingdom of God. Some are called to reap and others to sow (John 4:37). The harvest is in God’s hands; we are called to glorify him by our living (Ephesians 1:12).

## Participation

1. Invite the congregation to use the printed words in Appendix 1 - faith, goodness, knowledge, self-control, perseverance, godliness, mutual affection and love to colour, decorate or make a collage whilst thinking about how these qualities are shown in their own lives.
2. Write each word on a lollipop stick: faith, goodness, knowledge, self-control, perseverance, godliness, mutual affection and love. Tie them as a ladder for a wall hanging.

## Worship

- SB 593 In my life Lord
- SB 851 I want to live right
- SB 565 All I once held dear
- SB 517 Purify my heart
- SB 648 I would be true

## Response

- Ask people to think about where they are on their journey of discipleship.
- What do they need to ask God to help them with?
- How can they be active followers of Jesus in the world in which they live?





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Appendix 1

FAITH

GOODNESS

KNOWLEDGE

SELF-CONTROL

PERSEVERANCE

GODLINESS

MUTUAL AFFECTION

LOVE

