

Our Father Vision

Key Verses: John 5:16-19

Talk Summary:

Andrew and Rosie outlined their vision for Birmingham Vineyard in an interview.

The link to the video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pXeyQAbwRvU (starting at 1 hour 3 minutes)

The link to the FAQ sheet: www.bvc.so/vision-faq

Scripture focus:

16 So, because Jesus was doing these things on the Sabbath, the Jewish leaders began to persecute him. 17 In his defence Jesus said to them, "My Father is always at his work to this very day, and I too am working." 19 Jesus gave them this answer: "Very truly I tell you, the Son can do nothing by himself; he can do only what he sees his Father doing, because whatever the Father does the Son also does.

-John 5: 16, 17, 19 (NIV)

Worship

Worship is not just singing, it is thanking God for who he is and what he has done and is lived out through a life of trusting obedience. Discussing this together is an act of worship.

(Small group worship resources can be found at bvc.so/sgworship)

- What are you thankful for this week?
- Where has God been at work in your life?
- When have you taken risks in faith and obedience this week?

If you have a time of singing you can skip the above questions but please do ask this question each week:

• What has God been speaking to you about this week? (Go around the group quickly don't spend a long time on it)

Discussion Questions (choose some which are most relevant to your group)

- John 5:17 tells us that God the Father is 'always at his work'. Where do you see The Father working in your small group/community/site/church?
- What aspect of the vision that Andrew and Rosie are casting for the church excited you? Why?
- The request from our senior leaders was to pray, discern, give, get involved. In what ways could we do that as individuals/a small group?
- What would it look for this small group to multiply?
- In what ways are we going to support this vision as a small group community?
 - O Do we have some action points?
 - O How could we be accountable to each other for them?

Witness - How would you share what you have learned with a non-church friend?

We want to be investing in authentic relationships with those who don't know Jesus yet and inviting them to anything where they might meet other Christians and Jesus. Pick one of the below each week:

- How would you share what you have learned with a non-church friend?
- What church events coming up would your friends appreciate an invitation to?
 - Upcoming Events (go to bvc.so/whats-on for details)
 - Young Adults Night 12th Nov
 - BIG CHURCH! 13th Nov