

God's Vision for his Church

Micah 4.1-7

The last days = the era of church v1

geography not important

John 4.20-23

The Church ...

1. A Centre of Attraction, v1-2a

people streaming into it v1

a multinational crowd v2

all seeking God

Ps 122.1; Zech 8.19-23

1 Cor 14.23-25

God's presence is the pulling power

authentic living is the key

Phil 4.8-9; Ex 33.15-16

2. A Centre of Learning, v2b

for living God's way

worship involves obedience

3. A Centre for Evangelism, v2b

spreading God's good news as we go

Rom 10.13-15

discipleship before evangelism

1 Pet 3.15; Acts 2.42

4. A Centre for Conflict Resolution, v3

no more hostilities

work for peace Mat 5.9;

Rom 14.19; Heb 12.14; Eph 4.3

Gospel is about reconciliation

Col 1.21-22; 2 Cor 5.18-19

- recognise sin for what it is*
- bear the cost of forgiveness*
- seek genuine repentance*

5. A Centre for Wellbeing, v4

satisfaction and peace Phil 4.11-13

fear God, and nothing else Ps 34.9

God has the resources

to make it all happen!

6. A Centre of Loyal Commitment, v5
living our lives for Jesus – forever

7. A Centre for Recovery, v6-7a
gathering the lost

restoring them to wholeness

when lame, we lean on the Lord

8. A Centre for Enthronement, v7b
God reigning supreme

over all his gathered people

*“Come, let us walk in the light
of the Lord” Isaiah 2.5*