

LIFE GROUP LESSON

RECEIVING MORE VISION AND DREAMS FROM GOD

Introduction

The goal of this lesson is to help us let God activate His dreams and visions for our future both individually and collectively. We believe when God gives a dream that dream will become our future no matter what our circumstances look like. Today many people are fuzzy about what God wants them to aim for and believe for regarding their future. I believe God wants to give us heavenly 2020 vision.

Digging Deeper

1. Read through Hebrews 11. It is a chapter that tells the story of people of faith and their journeys towards seeing, saying, and seizing God's dreams for their lives. Consider which of these heroes of faith that you can most identify with in this season of your life.

What can you observe about how they received a dream, held on and grew faith for their dream, and overcame when it seemed like their dreams died? How did what they dreamed cause them to be set apart from the people around them.

2. Consider the power of a shared vision. Can you recall being part of a team that was so much bigger than any one person could have ever accomplished? What did you learn about the power of a shared dream?

Icebreaker

1. Share about one or two things that you especially dreamed of being when you were in elementary school. Was there a book or a movie that inspired that dream? What did you love about it?

2. Can you think of something that you believe God wants you to see, say, and seize about your future that looks very different from your present?

3. What was the significance of God telling Abraham to get out of his tent in the story mentioned in Genesis 15:4-6? Can you think of a "tent" that you have had or might need to get out of in order to see, believe, and receive the dream God has for your life? Is it in the area of:

- a. A wrong circle of friends?
- b. The model of a life/family you grew up with?
- c. Negative thoughts or opinions you've told about yourself in the past?
- d. Painful pictures of your past that you've allowed to define your future?
- e. Other?

4. How could your life group create a new “the skies the limit” atmosphere that would support each other in experiencing God’s impossible dreams? What’s an example of someone who has helped you already in that way?

5. What is an example of a picture you’ve had in your mind or heart in the past that you believe God wants to replace?

6. In reviewing what God told Jeremiah in Jeremiah chapter 1. What things might God want to say to you that would change the vision of yourself and the future God wants you to have?

Consider what God might want to see or say through you to someone else in the group about their identity or future.

7. In reflecting on these points, Pastor shared about our corporate vision as a church in 2020.

What is one that jumps out at you that you could especially see your group helping to fulfill.

a. Create an environment where people encounter and experience the presence of Jesus in life changing ways.

b. Pray bold, bet the farm, audacious kind of prayers that make room for the God of miracles to do things we’ve never seen Him do before.

c. Create a movement of prayer that becomes a 365 day a year prayer movement for the nations.

d. Devote ourselves to creatively going out to love our neighborhoods and the nations to God and to life, as living demonstrations of the kindness of Jesus.

e. Building the kind of small group community where we have friendships as devoted as the one where a man had such devoted friends that they would tear a roof down to get their friend to Jesus.

f. Make it a year where we empower and call out the champion in our kids and students.

g. Help every person complete the growth track and be fully active in using their gift on a serve or dream team to make their biggest difference for God.

h. Expand the churches vision to the nations by stretching more, seeing more, praying more, and going more.