



Because God is a Visionary

Announcements

101 Starting Point – Sunday, November 3rd, 5:00 pm at all campuses. Starting Point is the first step toward getting involved at Church of the King by learning about the vision and mission of the church. Register at www.churchoftheking.com/register.

Small Groups Week of Serving – November 2nd - 9th. Gather your group members together and find people in our community you can serve as a way to practically share the love of God.

Warm-up

When you were a kid, what did you dream about becoming when you grew up? Did this dream ever become a reality? Why or why not?

God is the ultimate dreamer. Because we are created in God's image we have the ability to have a great vision for our lives. In today's discussion we are going to discover how we can walk out God's vision for our lives.

Word and Application

A vision is a mental picture of a preferable future

Who do you know that is a person of great vision? Does their ability to have a great vision impress you, intimidate you or are you indifferent? Why?

Read Genesis 15:2-6. What do you think Abraham was thinking as God was revealing this vision to him? How do you think you would have responded in a similar situation?

A vision is given to us by God and then must go through stages of growth before it is ready to be fully seen and experienced.

The first part of a vision is **initiation**. People get a vision from God when they connect with God in an intimate way and clearly hear from him.

The second part of a maturing vision is **growth**. This part of a vision can seem to take a long period and, at times, can create impatience. However, it is through this process of time a vision can develop into what God wants it to become.

The period between when God gave Abraham a vision and when his son Isaac was born was well over twenty years. It is often during this time of growth that people give up on their dream.

What dream are you holding on to right now as you watch it grow? What have been your challenges during this time of waiting?

The third stage of a maturing vision is the **manifestation**. This stage is usually very fulfilling, but it can be painful because it is when the vision comes to life and change occurs. It can be through this pain that many people let go of their god-given vision because it hurts too much.

How has pain derailed your vision in the past? What can you do to push through the pain and receive the fulfillment of your vision?

As we finish our discussion today we are going to look at **4 keys to moving forward with God's vision** for your life.

"Then the Lord answered me and said: Write the vision and make it plain on tablets, that he may run who reads it." Habakkuk 2:2

- 1) Receive it – from God
- 2) Write it – put it in writing
- 3) Recite it – say it over and over (vision leaks)
- 4) Run towards it – act on the vision in God's timing

What is your next step in pursuing the god-given vision for your life? How can we, as a small group, help you take your next step?

Prayer

Ask God to help each person in your small group to clearly see the vision God has for their life. Also, take time to ask for specific prayer requests from those in your small group.