

VISION

Vision - Week 2

Message Discussion Questions

Introduction:

This week Matt continues a new series called 'Vision'. Do you have a game plan for your life, or are you like many people who have no vision, no mission, no agenda, no purpose? Do you remember the quote from last week: "Everyone ends up somewhere...but few people end up somewhere on purpose"? Do you know what God's purpose is for your life, God's plan, God's will, or God's Vision? Do you know how to find it?

Over the next few weeks we will be looking at Vision from God's perspective and the four phases of finding God's Vision that we find in scripture. This week for Part 2 we'll look at the first phase, The Prompting of the Holy Spirit.

Questions:

1. As you look for God's Vision for your life, what does it mean to be 'compelled by the Spirit'? In Acts 20 how do you know that this was God's plan and not Paul's? Acts 20:22-24; 1 Corinthians 6:19
2. What is the role of the Holy Spirit in your life? Does it seem mystical or weird? Do you ever wonder how does the Holy Spirit work to teach you, remind you or guide you? What does it mean that the Holy Spirit lives inside of you? John 14:16-17 & 26; John 16:13
3. If the first step in hearing from the Holy Spirit is to make sure the communication lines are open, what impact does confession have on communication in any relationship? How does sin impact your intimacy with God? Are your communication lines with God open? Are you in need of confession? Psalm 51:2; 51:12

4. If the second step to hearing from the Holy Spirit is to commit your path to God, what does it mean for you to surrender? Does the Holy Spirit have all of you or just part? Are you willing to follow even if He calls you out of your comfort zone? Do you want what God wants? Ephesians 5:18
5. If the third step is to listen for the Spirit's prompting, what are some ways that the Spirit might speak to you? Sometimes its just a prompting inside of you, like the question: "If you could do anything for God and not fail, what would you attempt for Him?" Are you ready to be still and are you willing to listen?
6. For the fourth step, after you hear from the Holy Spirit, why is it so important that you make sure it matches up with God's Word? How can God's Word help to ensure that what you heard and feel from the Spirit is from God? Hebrews 4:12
7. For the final step to being prompted by the Holy Spirit, what does it mean for you to take action? Are you willing to decide that when you are compelled by the Spirit: "I'm going to walk through this door until God closes it."? Are you ready to take a step of faith?

Key Takeaway: *God has a vision for your life and the first phase is you've got to be sensitive to the Spirit's prompting. The Holy Spirit is alive and real, He lives in you, and if you'll let Him, He'll lead you, He'll prompt you, He'll guide you each step of the way.*

Summary:

- Compelled by the Spirit... God's plan not Paul's
- The Spirit of Truth... imparts God's vision for our lives, but how?
- Make Sure the Communication Lines Are Open - Confession
- Commit Your Path to God - Surrender
- Listen for the Spirit's Prompting
- Make Sure It Matches Up with God's Word
- Take action - "I'm going to walk through this door until God closes it."