



EVERY NUMBER HAS A NAME

VISION WEEKEND

## Vision

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**Focus** God created all of us in His image, and we have all been created to be people of vision. In Jeremiah 29:11, the Lord tells His people that He has a future and a hope for them. Essentially, this means that God has a specific vision in mind for each and every person. We need to stop, pray, and ask God to reveal to us what His vision is for our lives in this next year. Helen Keller once said, “The most pathetic person in the world is someone who has sight, but has no vision.” Allow God to fill your heart today with His vision for tomorrow.

**Fun** What do you wish people knew or understood about you and why?

**Review** Key Scripture: John 21:15–17

- ***God’s Vision***

God has a vision for each one of us. His vision is that we would love and care for people. In John 21, Jesus says to Peter, “If you love Me, then feed My lambs and tend My sheep.” In addition, God’s vision for us is to care for His sheep, His people, by being healthy ourselves. We can only help others know God’s love to the extent that we have received it ourselves. God wants to pour His vision and love into His people.

- ***Our Vision***

God wants us to be a people of vision. Proverbs 29:18 (KJV) says, “Where there is no vision, the people perish.” We need to ask ourselves, “What vision do I have for my own life?” We all have something that we are personally hoping for God to do. God wants us to ask Him for vision—His vision for our

lives. By making ourselves available through prayer and communion with God, we are able to let God build His purpose and vision into our hearts.

**\*Group Dynamics Idea\***

Look for ways to encourage one another. Go around the group and ask each person to say one encouraging quality they see in the person sitting on their left. Note: Even if they don't know the person, they can share one thing that they may sense or perceive about the person sitting next to them.

**Discuss**

1. What does it mean to you to have vision? Do you think having vision is essential? Why or why not?
2. Have you ever thought about God's vision for your life? Share.
3. As a child, what did you dream of being? How did you envision yourself as an adult?
4. What is a personal dream or vision that you have? If you are comfortable, then share.
5. Is there a vision you have given up on? If yes, why?
6. Read John 21:15–17. How is the Church like Peter? If we are all a part of the body of Christ, what is God's overarching vision for His body? How do you fit into God's vision on a personal level?
7. Stop and take time to lead your group in prayer. Ask God to restore vision and order into the lives of your group members. Pray for any needs present.

**Take Home**

As we conclude, remember the following:

- Vision comes from God.
- God wants us to fulfill His vision.
- God wants us to have personal vision.

**Prayer**

Heavenly Father, thank You that You are a just God and that through Christ Jesus our names have been written in the Lamb's Book of Life. Thank You that You have made us a people of vision. Help us to lay down any vision that we are carrying that is not from You. Help us to receive the vision that You

have for us. Help us fulfill Your vision to feed Your lambs and tend Your sheep—show us what that means on a personal level. We love You and thank You for the great vision You have for our lives and for the lives of others. In Jesus' name, Amen.

**\*New Leader Tip\***

Take time throughout this coming week to touch base with each member of your group. Ask them how their week is going and if they have any prayer needs. Letting them know they matter is a great way to actively fulfill God's vision of caring for His sheep.