

God-given Vision

Legacy – Part 2

July 24-25, 2021

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Matthew 16:13-20

*“Where there is no vision, the people perish...” Proverbs 29:18 (KJV)*

*“Then Andrew brought Simon to meet Jesus. Looking intently at Simon, Jesus said, ‘Your name is Simon, son of John—but you will be called Cephas’ (which means “Peter”).  
John 1:42 (p.810)*

- Jesus Has A Vision For Us. (Me)

**Alive Church Vision:**

We see God transforming lives  
with One Message through One Voice for One Purpose.

1. Let the identity of Jesus redefine us. (Me)

*“When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, ‘Who do people say that the Son of Man is?’ ‘Well,’ they replied, ‘some say John the Baptist, some say Elijah, and others say Jeremiah or one of the other prophets.’ Then he asked them, ‘But who do you say I am?’ Simon Peter answered, ‘You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.’”  
Matthew 16:13-16 (p.747)*

2. Discover God’s vision for us. (Me)

*“For we are God’s masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.” Ephesians 2:10 (p.896)*

- a. Ask: What is the need our (my) vision addresses?
- b. Ask: What will happen if this need goes unaddressed?

3. Build on the cornerstone of Jesus.

*“Jesus replied, ‘You are blessed, Simon son of John, because my Father in heaven has revealed this to you. You did not learn this from any human being. Now I say to you that you*

are Peter (which means 'rock'), and upon this rock I will build my church, and all the powers of hell will not conquer it." Matthew 16:17-18 (p.747)

"Together, we are his house, built on the foundation of the apostles and the prophets. And the cornerstone is Christ Jesus himself." Ephesians 2:20 (p.896)

"Well done, my good and faithful servant. You have been faithful in handling this small amount, so now I will give you many more responsibilities. Let's celebrate together!" Matthew 25:21 (p.756)

### My Next Step This Week:

\_\_\_ Please pray with me for clarity regarding my life vision.

\_\_\_ I'm very clear about my life vision. Pray with me as I live it out.

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**ONE VOICE**

Discussion/Groups Guide from the Weekend Talk  
From the Weekend Talk of July 24-25, 2021  
*Legacy - Part 2: God-given Vision*

**Use this guide to discuss the Weekend Talk with your family or friends.**

When Life Groups are in session, they use questions like these to go deeper into what we talked about on the weekend. Find out more about Groups (in person and online) at [alivechurch.com/groups](http://alivechurch.com/groups). **Our Fall Groups Semester begins the week of August 22.**

### Conversation Starters

- When you were a child, what did you want to be when you grew up?
- Has anyone ever spoken words of encouragement or discouragement to you that affected your future?
- If you have children in your care, what kinds of things would they say that you speak to them about their future? What CAN you say that could be an encouragement for them and their future?
- Do you have a vision for your long or short-term future?

### Quick Review

Looking back at your Talk Notes, was there anything you heard in the service that stood out, challenged, or maybe even confused you?

## Discussion Starters from the Weekend Talk

Refer to the Talk Notes and related Bible verses from this Weekend's Talk Notes.

The key spiritual principle that Pastor Jeff Love emphasized this week is:

- **Jesus has a vision for us.**
  - Read Proverbs 29:18 (p.502).
    - In the King James Version, the verse reads, *"Where there is no vision, the people perish: But he that keepeth the law, happy is he."*
    - In the English Standard Version, it reads, *"Where there is no prophetic vision the people cast off restraint, but blessed is he who keeps the law."*
      - *The Hebrew word for "restraint" also translates as "the people are discouraged."*
  - How does "vision" keep one from perishing? Or from "being discouraged"?
  - Why does "keeping the law" make one "happy" or "blessed"?
  - Read John 1:42 (p.810)
    - What does Jesus say here that speaks to His vision for Simon?
  - Read our Series Key Verse: Luke 9:23 (p.790). Read also 9:24-25.
    - Does Jesus promise an easy life for the believer?
    - How does this passage affect your view of your life as a follower of Jesus?

Jeff reminded us of steps we can take to understand and live our lives in the vision God has for us:

### 1. **Let The Identity Of Jesus Redefine Us (Me).**

- Read Matthew 16:13-16 (p.747).
  - What stands out to you about this conversation Jesus has with his disciples?
- Read Matthew 26:31-35 (p.757) and Matthew 27:69-75 (p.758).
  - Does the Peter of Matthew 26 & 27 sound like the same guy as in Matthew 16? How or how not?

### 2. **Discover God's Vision For Us (Me).**

- Read Ephesians 2:10 (p.896).
- Jeff spoke of two questions we can ask ourselves about our personal or corporate vision:
  - Ask: What is the need our (my) vision addresses?
  - Ask: What will happen if this need goes unaddressed?
- Have you asked yourself these—or similar—questions?
  - What could you identify as a vision you have had or currently have for your life?

### 3. **Build On The Cornerstone Of Jesus.**

- Read Ephesians 2:20 (p.896).
- Read Matthew 25:21 (p.756)

- When building it is important to have a strong foundation and cornerstone. What can you see in your life that indicates Jesus is your cornerstone?
- How is your life helping to build God's Kingdom?

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### Next Step

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Use the link on the app or go to your Connection Card at [www.alivechurch.com/card](http://www.alivechurch.com/card) to indicate you are taking this Next Step so that we can pray for you.

### What's Ahead

- ***This weekend we begin a new Series as we enter the "back to school" season. It's called Influence.***
  - *What would our world look like if followers of Jesus took ownership of what we believe and reflect it in our lives? The series will challenge all of us as followers of Jesus to seek to purposefully influence those around us. We can make an impact on the people around us, at work, school, the coffee shop, everywhere we go and with everyone we meet!*
- ***Have you signed up for our Alive Church Newsletter?***
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