

## Visioning Day

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### Overview

Mission and Vision has consistently been one of the most popular prescriptions from weekend consultations with churches. While the mission is typically given to the church, (They adopt the UMC Mission: "...to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.") the church will need to discover how that mission will be lived out in their particular church. This process starts with a workshop, prayer, and discernment.

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### Logistics

- The workshop is typically facilitated by the coach and usually last about three hours.
  - All church staff, paid and unpaid, along with key leaders in the church are encouraged to attend.
  - You will need the MissionInsite report for the church's mission field and should be prepared with the number of unchurched in that area.
  - There is a PowerPoint® presentation for this workshop and a participant workbook for each person in attendance.
  - This workshop is best conducted in a room with little or no distractions; round tables for group discussions; and flipchart paper for each table.
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### Objectives

- Provide the church leaders with a time to hear from God in a fresh, new way concerning their future.
  - A time to dream together about ways God wants to use them in the community.
  - Develop the seeds of the Vision for their church of the future.
  - Create a draft vision statement that the pastor and the Ad Board will be able to fine tune during the next four to six weeks and then communicate out to the entire congregation.
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## PARTICIPANT WORKBOOK

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## NOTES

*“The Lord had said to Abram,  
‘Leave your country, your people  
and your father’s household and  
go to the land I will show you. I  
will make you into a great nation  
and I will bless you; I will make  
your name great, and you will be a  
blessing. I will bless those who  
bless you, and whoever curses you  
I will curse; and all peoples on  
earth will be blessed through you.”*

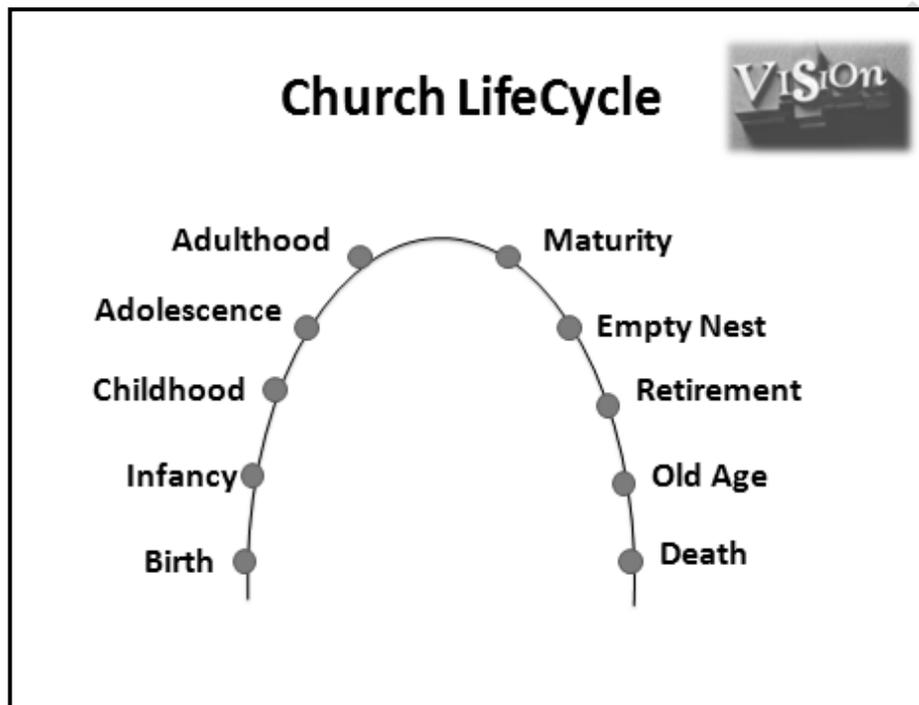
Genesis 12:1-3

*“But you shall receive power when  
the Holy Spirit has come upon  
you; and you shall be my  
witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all  
Judea and Samaria and to the  
ends of the earth.”*

Acts 1:8

## Purposes of Today:

- Time to hear from God in a fresh, new way about our future
- Time to dream together about ways God wants to use us in our community
- Develop the seeds of the Vision of our church for the future



**Our challenge wherever we are today on the cycle...**

**...START A NEW LIFECYCLE!**

## Four Components of a New LifeCycle (VRMS)

- Fresh \_\_\_\_\_ for the future
- \_\_\_\_\_ that embrace new people
- \_\_\_\_\_ that focus on outreach
- \_\_\_\_\_ that anchor accountability

### Fresh Vision

- A recommitment to those outside the “Camp”
- Asking God for a fresh burden for your community
- Reshaping values through preaching and training



What's the Difference? **VISION**

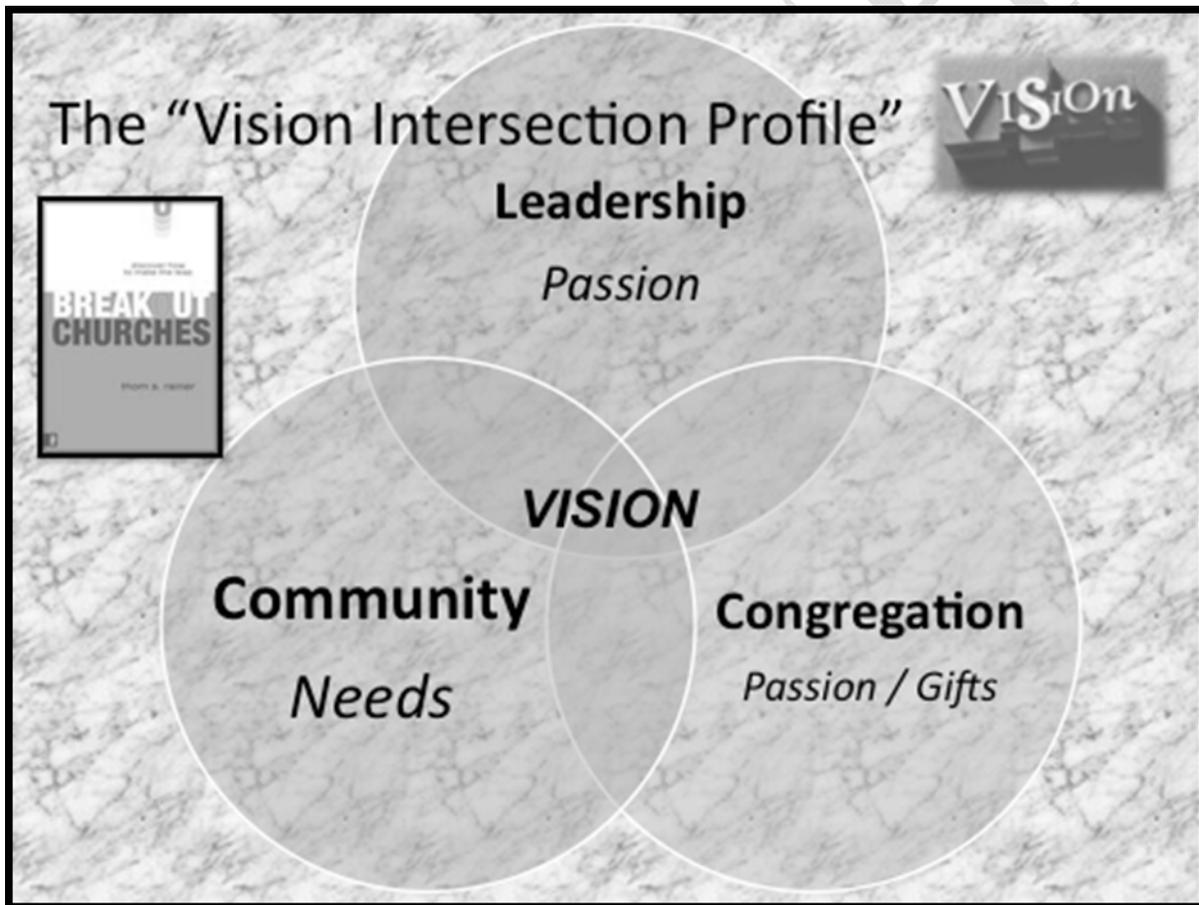
<b>MISSION</b>	<b>VISION</b>
A broad, brief biblical statement of what God wants you to accomplish.	A clear, compelling picture of God's future for this ministry as you believe it can and must be.
<i>See: Matthew 28: 19-20</i>	

## Importance of Vision

A Vision...

- provides energy
- fosters risk taking
- legitimizes leadership
- sustains ministry
- motivates giving

*“Enlarge the place of your tent,  
stretch your tent curtains wide,  
do not hold back; lengthen your  
cords, strengthen your stakes.”  
Isaiah 54:2*



## NOTES

*“After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, ‘The time has come,’ he said. ‘The kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the good news.’ As Jesus walked beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen, ‘Come follow me,’ Jesus said, ‘and I will make you fishers of men.’ At once they left their nets and followed him.”*

Mark 1:14

*“Go therefore and make disciples of ALL nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit teaching them to obey all that I have commanded you.”*

Matthew 28:19

## Our Mission Field



## Top 10 Most Receptive in Our Mission Field

1. Second-time guests
2. Friends of new believers
3. Divorced
4. First-time parents
5. Marriage problems
6. Parental challenges
7. Finances
8. New residents
9. Illness
10. Recovery issues

## Who Are the Unchurched?

“Those who aren’t members of a church or haven’t attended services in the previous six months other than special religious holidays, weddings, funerals, etc...”

Gallup, The Unchurched American 10 Years Later, p.2

## Activity – What must we do to reach them?

## **Visioneering by Andy Stanley**

“What is a vision? Where do they come from? Visions are born in the soul of a man or woman who is consumed with the tension between what is and what could be. Anyone who is emotionally involved—frustrated, brokenhearted, maybe even angry—about the way things are in light of the way they believe things could be, is a candidate for a vision. Visions form in the hearts of those who are dissatisfied with the status quo. . . . Vision carries with it a sense of conviction. Anyone with a vision will tell you this is not merely something that could be done. This is something that should be done.” p17

## **Prayerwalk**

Considering our community...what do you sense God desires to accomplish in and through our church in the next three years?

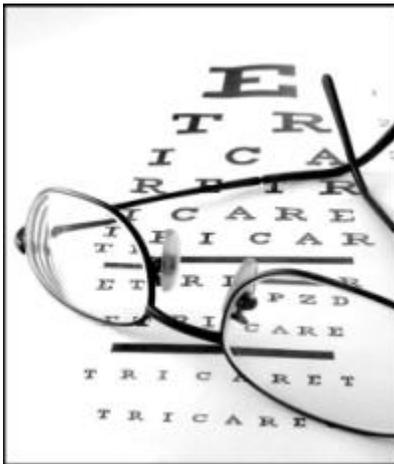
## **Three Years From Now At Our Church...**

- What ministries are in place?
- Who is the church reaching?
- What is new/different from 3 years ago?
- If a photo-journalist used pictures to capture what is taking place...what would be in those pictures?

## Vision Samples

“Trinity UMC will be a church where people experience the transforming love of Christ in worship and faith-sharing, then express this love in mission and service as we grow God’s community.”

Trinity UMC, Smithfield, VA



“God has uniquely called us to be a church planting center where planters and teams are developed to reach the Inland Empire and beyond. Over the next five years we envision three new daughter churches birthed from our body who will in turn become parenting churches. We will raise up and release the next generation of leaders needed for a post-modern world.”

Mount Calvary Church

“Our Vision is to partner with the Spirit of God to be a community of grace, hope and love where the truth of God is taught and lived out in contagious ways bringing wholeness to individuals, families, our region and our world.”

Morning Star Church, O’Fallon, MO

New McKendree will be a mission-driven church which introduces people to a life-changing relationship with Jesus Christ, provides clear pathways for growth toward committed, informed faith to new and seasoned believers, and outwardly deploys its energies, gifts, and resources in servant ministries which embrace the community and world with the transforming values of the kingdom of God.

In 2010, New McKendree will move toward the fulfillment of this vision by:

- Hiring and funding a qualified person to serve on staff as a “Director of Spiritual Growth,” whose mission shall be to shepherd newcomers into the life of the church and develop small group ministry which nurtures adults toward committed faith and responsible church membership.
- Bringing the array of its ministries into alignment with the mission to make new disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.
- Forming a “Community Connections Team” to develop and implement strategies to reach the unchurched, including at least four outwardly-focused events which alert the community to our presence, our purpose, and the possibilities of new life in Christ we represent.
- Restructuring our polity and procedures to enable lay leadership, volunteers, and staff members to execute the church’s mission with less encumbrance and more faithfulness, accountability, and creativity.
- Reach 1% of the approximately 6,000 people living within five miles of New McKendree who do not have a meaningful relationship with Christ and his church. By “reach” we mean incorporating persons into a consistent, growing relationship with Jesus Christ and the worship and ministry of the church.

New McKendree UMC, Jackson, MO

## Crafting a Vision Draft

- Specific ways we will be impacting our community
- Specific changes in people's lives
- Specific new initiatives that will help us start a new lifecycle

Number of unchurched in our mission field: \_\_\_\_\_

What percent is God calling us to reach? \_\_\_\_\_ %

"We commit today to reach \_\_\_\_\_ people in the next \_\_\_\_\_ years."

## NOTES

*"Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband."*

Revelation 21:1-2

## Where Do We Go From Here?

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- Someone will capture these ideas—edit them and communicate to the congregation. (newsletter, website, etc...)
- We will preach about these ideas for the next two weeks, pray, and discuss

### Where Do We Go From Here?



- Staff and leaders take these ideas and craft a vision statement
- A plan for making this a reality will be developed in the near future



Today's Workshop

Pastor & Coach work on draft (with vision team) ↔ Ad Board

Pastor takes to Ad Board until agreement confirmed by both