

Quick Review

Look back from your sermon notes – was there anything you didn’t understand? Was there anything that excited you or made you think of something for the very first time?

Introduction

This week Pastor Jeff started sharing God’s future Vision for our church. Just like with any trip, there needs to be a plan in place. When you plan a trip, some people prioritize other aspects of the trip over other parts. In other words, they spend more time planning certain aspects over others. Pick your top two parts of planning a trip that you prioritize and explain why:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <u>Directions</u> (different possible routes) - <u>Food</u> (meals for each day) - <u>Lodging</u> (where you’ll be staying) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <u>Packing List</u> (what are you bringing) - <u>Transportation</u> (how to get there) - <u>Activities</u> (what to do when you are there) |
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Digging IN

This week we heard a message about God’s Vision for 2020. In that vision God has been preparing the hearts of His people. But God has also been casting a vision to the leadership of His church.

Part of that vision that Pastor Jeff laid out was about 3 different things:

1. **Not about our goals, but God’s Glory**
2. **Not about our buildings, but God’s Kingdom**
3. **Not about our programs, but God’s Purposes.**

1. These three principles for God’s Vision are important to understand when planning for the work ahead. Where do these ideas come from?

God’s Glory –

God’s Kingdom –

God’s Purposes –

2. Read **Nehemiah 2:9-18.**

- What do you notice about Nehemiah’s response and the people’s response when they understood God’s plan (v. 17-18)?
- How does this apply to your own life? What is your response to Godly leadership in your own life?

3. Read **Nehemiah 2:19-20**

- What are some of your immediate observations after the people respond to God's plan after Nehemiah tells the people?
- What should the Church expect when the people of God try to carry out God's vision?
- What are some ways that Satan will use opposition to try to derail or slowdown God's plans?

Taking it Home

List a few practical ways you can apply what God has taught you through your time this week studying these things.

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Praise / Prayer Requests

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