



ELDERS DISCIPLESHIP NOTES VISION

Elders Discipleship Group 2

Purpose of the Elders Discipleship Group: To Train and Equip Discipleship Group leaders to lead more effectively.

Recap: Last week we discussed our ability to see the primary purpose of God for His church. Take a moment to ask the group: How does having a revealed knowledge of God's primary purpose for His church define and determine the culture, values, priorities and use of resources of the church?

Key Theme: Vision

Key Truth: We are to see the unseen realm

Read: Vision is the ability to see into what is already established in the unseen realm, called the eternal kingdom of God. In the context of God, vision is seeing God for who He really is, who we are in God, and seeing all of God's purposes and plans for us as His people. Vision is seeing!

2 Corinthians 4:18 *while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen; for the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal.*

It is imperative we are fully aware of the 2 realms that co-exist. There is the natural physical realm - the world & the kingdom of darkness, with its wisdom called the 'Temporal', and then there is the spiritual realm - the kingdom of light, with its wisdom called the "Eternal".

We live on the temporal and are surrounded by the temporal but as followers of Jesus we are to see in the eternal, the unseen to the natural eye, but very much seen to the spiritual eye. This is the realm which we are not only to see in, but we are to live from. It's the place we receive our food, water, clothing and shelter from.

This now becomes a matter of where our eyes are transfixed. What realm are we seeing from and what realm are we living from?

Questions:

1. How would you describe the difference between the temporal and the eternal realms?
2. How does one start to see and live from this unseen eternal realm?
3. What difference does seeing and living from this eternal realm make to our lives?
4. Why is it essential we see and live from this eternal realm?
5. Share with the group some of the life giving manna from the eternal realm, you are seeing and living your life from.