



LIFE GROUP STUDY MATERIAL

Every Home a *Discipleship Centre*

Session #5

Vision: *The Direction of
Discipleship*

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LESSON AIM

To understand how a God-given vision shapes our direction, values and decisions, and intentionally lead our homes towards God's eternal purposes.

VIDEO LESSON

Link to video: <https://youtu.be/wKsxo0V8VAM?si=-bHAGGL3DYP4eei>

SCRIPTURE READING

Proverbs 29:18

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Proverbs 29:18 (KJV)

INTRODUCTION

Helen Keller, who was both deaf and blind, once said, "The only thing worse than being blind is having sight but no vision."

Proverbs 29:18 says, "Where there is no vision, the people perish." To perish means to become unrestrained, lose boundaries and eventually self-destruct. A person or family does not need to deliberately reject God to lose their way. Without a godly vision governing their lives, they can gradually become directionless and destructive. Vision is seeing life not only as it is, but as God intends it to become. It gives us direction, inspiration and perseverance, helping us live intentionally rather than simply ending up somewhere by accident. In this lesson, we will explore how a God-centred vision defines our direction, determines our values and directs our decisions.

A. Vision Defines Our Direction

Andy Stanley said, "Everyone ends up somewhere, but few people end up somewhere on purpose." Vision answers the question, "Where am I going?" For every follower of Jesus, Matthew 28:19 gives us a clear direction: we are called to go and make disciples. This means our goal is not simply to raise successful or well-behaved children, but to help them become devoted followers of Jesus.

19 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

Matthew 28:19-20 ESV

Regardless of our occupation, age or position, we all share in this mission. It begins with intentionally discipling those closest to us, including our children, family members and loved ones. We help them know Jesus, live for Him and, in turn, help others follow Him. This God-given vision gives our homes a clear and eternal direction.

B. Vision Determines Our Values

Vision also answers the question, “What matters most?” A man-centred vision pursues success, wealth, comfort and personal fulfilment, but a God-centred vision redirects our lives towards what has lasting and eternal value.

8 For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, 9 not a result of works, so that no one may boast. 10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

Ephesians 2:8-10 ESV

Ephesians 2:8–10 reminds us that we are saved by grace, shaped as God’s workmanship and sent to do the good works He has prepared for us. Understanding why God has saved us changes what we value and how we disciple those in our homes. Rather than teaching them to pursue success above all else, we help them discover their identity in Christ, live for God’s purposes and use their lives for what matters eternally.

C. Vision Directs Our Decisions

Finally, vision answers the question, “How will I live today?”

19 “Therefore, O King Agrippa, I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision,

Acts 26:19 ESV

Paul’s heavenly vision shaped his priorities, guided his decisions and determined how he lived. In the same way, a God-given vision should influence how we use our time, money, energy and opportunities.

Living with vision requires intentionality. In our homes, this means making daily decisions that support our vision to make disciples, such as praying together, speaking about God, modelling obedience and creating opportunities to serve Him. Our everyday decisions determine whether our homes move towards or away from the vision God has given us.

Conclusion

God's vision is not only something we pursue for ourselves. It is something we intentionally pass on to the next generation. We do this by teaching them their identity in Christ, involving them in God's mission and inspiring them to see the potential God has placed within them. Our goal is to help them live with a clear sense of who they are, why God has saved them and how their lives can be used for His purposes.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Instructions for group facilitators: Every group is different. You may modify the discussion questions to suit your group and you do not need to use all the questions in the group discussion.

Question 1: Share one key insight that stood out to you from the lesson. Was there anything that particularly resonated with you, or anything that did not?

Question 2: What do you think it means to live with a God-given vision, and why is it important for our homes?

Question 3: What worldly definitions of success can distract us from God's vision for our lives and homes?

Question 4: How does knowing that you are saved by grace, shaped as God's workmanship and sent for good works change the way you see your purpose?

Question 5: If someone observed the way you currently use your time, energy and resources, what might they conclude matters most to you?

Question 6: What are some practical ways we can teach those closest to us about their identity in Christ, involve them in God's mission and inspire their God-given potential?

Question 7: What is one intentional decision you can make this week to live more faithfully according to God's vision?

NEXT STEPS

Take some time this week to reflect on the vision that is directing your life and home.

Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal whether your priorities and daily decisions are moving you towards God's purpose or distracting you from what matters eternally. Choose one intentional step you can take to help those closest to you know Jesus, live for Him and help others follow Him. This might involve teaching them about their identity in Christ, involving them in serving others or encouraging the God-given potential you see in them. Remember, everyone ends up somewhere, but a God-given vision helps us lead our homes there on purpose.