**LET’S ASSESS IT!**

**Habakkuk 2**

Lesson 17- Write the Vision

Premise: Ministry is a movement. To fulfill God’s plan and purpose for our lives and for the life of our church, we cannot become complacent or stagnant. We must get *On the Move*! To accomplish this, we must honestly examine who we are, where we are, and what we are as a ministry, and with boldness, begin making the necessary changes to fulfill God call (Ephesians 2:10).

**DISCUSSION/DISCOVERY**

**Assess, Evaluate, Examine**

What are we assessing, evaluating, and/or examining?

* Our Statements – [1 Corinthians 1:10]
* Our Systems – 1 Corinthians 14:40
* Our Structure
* Our Strategies

Our Systems – Write the Vision

Vision is the ability to understand the history, the present condition, and the potential of the church, and to conceive a plan for action that will maximize the ministry potential. More often than not, vision is a result of having spent much time absorbing the facts about the community, knowing the resources upon which the church can call (people, funding, facilities, equipment, etc.), and devising sound but creative strategies for moving forward. Vision always entails progress: it is never satisfied with the status quo.

George Barna, How to Find Your Church, p. 104.

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Vision: the capacity to create a compelling picture of the desired state of affairs that inspires people to respond; that which is desirable, which could be, should be; that which is attainable. A godly vision is right for the times, right for the church, and right for the people. A godly vision promotes faith rather than fear. A godly vision motivates people to action. A godly vision requires risk-taking. A godly vision glorifies God, not people.

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**Vision** has become a part of the language of the contemporary church – vision! You have probably heard this word or used this word in your church.

\*In what ways have you used, or heard this word used in the life of the church?

Did you know that “vision” is/should be a vital part of the life of every believer?

Proverbs 29:18 (KJV) “***Where there is no vision, the people perish***: but he that keepeth the law, happy is he.”

Have you heard that before? What do you think that means?

In Scripture, there are several different uses and meanings of the word “vision”. As it is used in Proverbs 29:18, the word means “***revelation***”.

Proverbs 29:18 (CSB) “***Without revelation people run wild***, but one who follows divine instruction will be happy.”

\*What is revelation? \*How do Christ followers receive revelation?

**Jeremiah 33:3** **1 Corinthians 2:10-12** **Romans 1:18-20**

**John 1:10-14** **Hebrews 4:12**

List what is revealed in these verses.

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\*Who can receive revelation from God?

\*Have I ever received revelation from God? (Think before you respond)

\*Can anything hinder receiving revelation from God?

It is possible to receive revelation from God and reject it. **Romans 1:18** “18 For God’s wrath is revealed from heaven against all godlessness and unrighteousness of people who ***by their unrighteousness suppress the truth***…”

God speaks to me. He reveals Himself to me *through His Word*, *through life’s circumstances*, *through nature*, and *through other people*.

Psalm 19

**DIRECTION**

Assess – Evaluate - Examine

Read these verses this week:

Psalm 25:8-15 Psalm 98:2

Isaiah 40:5 Isaiah 55:10-11

Daniel 2:19-22, 27-28, 47

Amos 3:7 Habakkuk 2:2-3