

Building Towards Extraordinary

Week of January 20, 2019



These Digging Deeper questions can be used the week following the Sunday message. You can use these questions for personal growth and development, or as a guide for your family or Connect Group discussions.

Message Recap:

Read Proverbs 29:18a; Isaiah 6:1-8; Ephesians 2:10

God has a vision for his church and each one of us. If we want to get to where God wants us to be, we can't stay where we are. God's vision is for redemption of this world. He desires to bring us—and everything—together through his son Jesus Christ. In Isaiah 6:1-8, we discover there are five elements of God's vision: a transcendent perception of God, a sense of glory in God's holiness, brokenness in our sinfulness, gratitude for forgiveness, and passion to step up and be the difference. As God's masterpieces (see Ephesians 2:10), we need to step up and do the good works planned for us by God. This includes participating in the four areas of focus for Severn Run in 2019: Connection, Wholistic Missions; Kids; and Students.

Pray

Dear God, in your wisdom you not only desire redemption of this world, you have a vision and plan to make it happen. Please guide us and inspire us to step up and step out to take on your vision for our own lives and within Severn Run. Amen.

Getting Started

- When you were a child or teenager, tell about a vision you had for your future. Were you successful in making it happen? Why or why not?
- Where have you seen lost vision result in failure? Explain what happened.

Digging Deeper

1. Proverbs 29:18a says, "Where there is no vision, the people perish...". Discuss why vision is so important to being successful in any aspect of life.
2. Compare and contrast the "fuel" options for success in our lives - are there any differences or similarities in earthly qualities or heavenly qualities?
3. God's vision for humanity is redemption and restoration for all the world. What does this vision mean for the church? Your family? Yourself?
4. Nothing is impossible with God (See Luke 1:37). What role, if any, has prayer played in your life and in God's vision for your life? Have you seen the impossible become possible through prayer?
5. The work ahead includes connection. Why is connection important? What do you do or can you do to insure you stay connected with others and with God?
6. Define in your own words "wholistic missions." How did Jesus demonstrate this in his ministry on earth?
7. In considering the body of Christ, in what ways are children and students important? What was Jesus' perspective on children?
8. What purpose is God calling you into at this point in your life? How are you, or how will you, step up into that purpose this week?

Living Jesus

You have a lead role in God's vision for bringing redemption to the world.. Does this stir fear in your heart? That fear comes from the lies Satan tells you. These lies keep you from stepping up. Now is the time to get on board, ignore the lies and get involved. Pull out your smart phone, iPad, or computer. Go to severnrunner.info. Find where you can get involved. Be part of God's vision and accept the step up challenge.

What's Your Story?

Share how God is working in your life at SevernRunner.info/stories.