



Uncommon *Uncommon Vision*

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Week 1

1 of 4

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Bottom Line: Everybody ends up somewhere in life. Few people end up somewhere on purpose.

Icebreaker: What's a goal in life you have achieved that makes you feel satisfied when you think about it?

Key Verse: *Without a vision, the people perish.* Proverbs 29:11

Life is a journey and everyone ends up somewhere. A few people end up somewhere on purpose. The ones who do have a vision. Andy Stanley says, "Direction, not intention, determines destination." Direction comes by putting feet consistently toward the vision we have for our lives. A vision is a mental picture of what you want your life to look like; your preferred future or destination. The people who come to the end of life and look back with a deep sense of satisfaction are the ones who had a clear vision and kept it in front of them so they knew where they were going. They are uncommon because of their vision and perseverance.

Jesus' vision was that uncommon people would gather around the truth of who He was, fulfilling God's vision for them individually. They would personally know Christ, experience freedom in Christ, discover their purpose, and make a difference. As they would do that in community, they would fulfill this promise: "I will build my church, and the gates of hell will not prevail against it." NewPointe exists today because people have picked up that vision. We have been multiplying groups, leaders, and churches (campuses). The future is better than we can even imagine as we keep the vision front and center. Our potential in and for Christ is unlimited.

We are exactly what Jesus had in mind when He launched the local church. The local church, when we together live and teach the truth of Christ, is the hope of the world. Our vision is that we do that together—till Jesus comes back! "If your vision is for a year plant wheat, if your vision is for a decade plant trees, and if your vision is for a lifetime plant people" (African Proverb). Let's do it!

THINK IT OVER >>>

What impacted you most specifically from the weekend message?

To be uncommon or out of the ordinary, requires a willingness to step away from the status quo and define a preferred future. Who is someone you know or a famous person who has a vision of a preferred future, and it sets them apart?

Where do you see yourself in 10 years, personally? In serving God's vision? Does it help you to think about the question, "What keeps you up at night"?

"Vision requires our hearts and minds to wander outside the boundaries imposed on us by the world." What are the boundaries you notice that tend to stop your pursuit of vision? (For example, criticism?)

"Vision is a mental picture of what could be, fueled by the conviction that it SHOULD be." Discuss.

LOOK IT OVER <<<

"If you are working on something exciting that you really care about, you don't have to be pushed. The vision pulls you." – Steve Jobs

Have you found this to be true? Discuss.

"A person with dreams and a vision is more powerful than a person with facts and a budget." Discuss.

"It is a terrible thing to see and have no vision." – Helen Keller. Discuss.

How does personal vision contribute to the strength and power of a group vision?

When you have a compelling vision or are part of a compelling vision, you want to jump out of bed in the morning and get to it. Where are you on the scale of 1-6? (1 no vision, 6 fueled by vision)

NEXT STEPS

This week consider taking some next steps together as a group:

- 1) Share where you see yourself in the vision of NewPointe.
- 2) Pray together for the next right steps.

EVALUATION/ACTION

Realizing and reaching your full potential in Christ

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Rate yourself from 1 to 10 1 (never), 10 (always)	1	2	3	4		6	7	8	9	10
Why did you give yourself this rating?										
What benefits will you obtain by raising your rating?										
Do you know someone who demonstrates this bottom line well? What do you admire about that person?										
What specific action can you put into practice to raise your rating?										
At the end of this week, reflect - where did you see the bottom line show up in your actions throughout the week?										

PRAYER

List group members and their prayer requests for this week:

DAILY STUDY

Want to dig deeper? Check out **The Daily** this week at newpointe.org/daily:

Day 1: Luke 4:18-19
Day 2: Matthew 16:18
Day 3: Proverbs 29:18
Day 4: Hebrews 11:1
Day 5: Psalm 119:105

Don't let the conversation stop here. Keep talking it over with others throughout the week.
(Don't forget to bring this paper to your next small group meeting)