

Small Group/Sermon Notes for Vision 2017 Part 4: Applied Vision

Remember, small groups are primarily for growing closer relationships with other believers. We can learn wonderful things in this environment but keep relationships first.

- Make sure everyone knows each other's names. Have everyone share a little about themselves and how life is going right now.
- **Vision Part 4: Applied Vision**
- Our model for church is what I call the "Empowerment Model."
 - Vs Traditional, Attractional, Relational, etc.
 - All models have aspects of the others when applied correctly. It is emphasis.
- Empowerment is the essence of the church strategy expressed in **Ephesians 4:7-16**.
 - What is the purpose of the 5 Fold Ministry?
 - To prepare God's people for works of service, **v12**.
 - And build up the Body of Christ, also **v12**.
 - Build up the Body of Christ into what?
 - Unity, Knowledge, Maturity, Fullness, **v13**.
 - How do we escape being tossed back and forth in life?
 - Truth in love, **v14-15**.
 - Bottom line process, **v16**.
 - What are the ligaments? (relationships)
 - What if we aren't held together? Kingdom divided.
 - What if someone else doesn't do their job?
 - You have to carry extra.
 - Your primary calling will suffer over time.
 - The success of the effort will be diminished.
 - What if you don't do your job?
 - Someone else will be burdened, or more likely...
 - It just won't get done. The workers aren't irrelevant!
 - What if you do too much? (This does happen!)
 - You get overburdened and your primary calling suffers.
 - Others may be robbed of opportunity.
- Let's look at some specific ways that we work together to advance the Kingdom!
 - Campus Model: Morgan Park and beyond!
 - Several Campuses supporting each other! Internal bivocational option.
 - Campus forever? Whatever is expedient for advancing the Gospel!
 - Jamaica: Long Term Short Term Missions Relationship!!
 - New Vision: Sponsorship, Economic Development.
 - Nov: Special offering for Christmas gifts for New Vision kids!
 - Great Commission Offerings: Includes, but offerings go beyond the 10%
 - Local: Teen Challenge, Young Life,
 - Global: AGWM, Jamaica, etc.
 - Future: Church Planting, Building Fund
- Last thought. Just do your part. Know who you are and simply be your best you!
 - David and Goliath: **1 Samuel 17:38-40**
- If I could just wave my hand and make people happy to be themselves I would.
 - Seek the Lord. Believe to get to your fullness in Christ.
 - Pray for each other before you finish up!