



Accomplish Big Vision...Together – Message 4

Announcements

Your Summer Small Group Plans // Please check your email for a message asking about your small group plans for the summer. Take a few minutes to complete the survey this week. You can also access the survey at www.cotkleaders.com.

Semester Break // May 5–June 2. This is the final small group lesson for the Spring semester. Lessons will resume at the start of the Summer semester, June 2nd. For lessons from past message series go to cotkleaders.com/smallgroups.

Warm-up

If you could do anything and know you wouldn't fail, what would you attempt to do?

Word and Application

This week we will go over the final message in our series entitled *Vision: Awaken God's Purpose In Your Life* where we discuss how we cannot accomplish a God-sized vision on our own. We discover that as we work together, we are powerful.

As a part of the body of Christ, we are designed to help one another with the personal vision God has placed on each heart. By coming *together* with our personal vision, we can accomplish His will on this earth. This cooperation is called *synergy*. **Synergy is a mutual compatibility of different participants or elements.**

Read Ecclesiastes 4:9-12 and Genesis 11:1-6.

Explain why power comes to those who collaborate together. What are some other biblical examples of people being unified with a vision and what were the results?

Share a time when others partnered with your vision or goal to accomplish something great. (You may have started out on your own but others joined in later.)

Although Genesis 11:1-6 richly displays the power of having a shared vision, it is also an example of pursuing a vision that is unaligned with the will of God. **Read Genesis 11:7-9** and discuss God's response to the unified but self-driven ambition of the people. What advice would you give the people of Babel?

Inviting others into our vision is a key ingredient to accomplishing our goals. When partnering with others, it is important to keep the vision in line with the will of God. When we stay attuned to God's direction, we can move together towards achieving our goal. Take a look at these three principles to help you fulfill your vision.

Three Principles to Achieve Your God-sized Vision

1. Live with one vision and purpose.

Who we choose to be in a relationship with determines the direction of our future. Moreover, individuals and relationships grow when there is a common purpose. **Read Genesis 11:4 and Proverbs 29:18.** What is the difference between these two groups of people in these passages? Which relationships, groups, teams, committees, or organizations you are involved in that could benefit from one clear vision and purpose?

2. Speak one language.

Read Genesis 11:1. What happens to a church, a team, a business that has multiple voices and conflicting messages? Conversely, what can happen when everyone speaks with *one voice*?

God created everything through the Word, through what He spoke. Since we are made in His image, our words can create unity or discord. Why is it important to choose our words wisely when it comes to our life and vision?

3. Pursue one set of shared goals.

Read Genesis 11:3-4. Surrounding ourselves with others that are going in the same direction builds stamina and confidence. Ask God to help you identify individuals who share your vision, passion, or goal. Then make a point to reach out to that person.

Read the points below and share practical suggestions to determine if our vision is aligned with God's will.

- God-given – How can we know when our goals for our future originate from God?
- God-driven – How do we determine if this is of our own strength or by God's power?
- God-glorifying – What are some practical ways we can *check* if our motives are self-serving or glorifying to God?

Life Challenge

What is your main takeaway from the *Vision* series? How can you take that principle and begin applying it to your life?

Prayer

We pray, Father, that as you reveal to us your vision for our life that you have already prepared a way to bring it to pass as we stay in alignment with your will for our lives. We thank you for the ability to rest in your provision and victory for our lives as we stand in confidence in your ability to do the impossible. Pray for the specific needs of the group.