

Vision Sunday 2025

Merchantville Small Group Guide

Warm Up Questions

1. **Dream Big:** If money, time, and resources weren't an issue, what's one big dream or vision you'd pursue in your life or community?
2. **Root Check:** What's one quirky or unusual thing you've done lately that shows where your "roots" are—like a hobby, habit, or something unexpected that reflects your personality or values?

Key Passage: Ephesians 4:12-16

On Vision Sunday 2025, we reflected on the importance of having a clear vision for our lives and our church. Vision is more than a dream; it's a roadmap for where God is leading us. Drawing from Proverbs 29:18 and Ephesians 4:12-16, we explored how God equips His people to build the church and live out His purposes. We were challenged to consider whether we are building deep roots of faith, preparing our foundation to weather future challenges, and investing in what God values—particularly the Next Generation and leadership development. It's not just about showing up; it's about taking responsibility and living with intention. As we prepare for what God has next, we must embrace the process that grows our character and deepens our faith.

Questions for Discussion (Choose several that are relevant for your group):

1. **Reflect on Vision:** How does having a clear vision for your life or family change the way you prioritize your time, relationships, and resources? How has God's vision for Freedom Church challenged your personal vision?
2. **Foundation in Faith:** The sermon emphasized the importance of building a strong foundation in faith, like the farmer who cultivated deep roots in his trees. What practical steps can you take to deepen your spiritual roots?
3. **Investing in the Next Generation:** What role do you think you play in shaping the faith of the next generation, either in your family, church, or community?
4. **Ownership vs. Attendance:** The message encouraged us to move beyond showing up to owning the mission. What does "owning the mission" look like in your current season of life?
5. **Character and Blessing:** If God answered all your prayers tomorrow, would your character be ready to handle the blessings? How can you let God shape your character in this season?
6. **Process Over Promise:** How has God used the process of waiting, challenges, or preparation to shape you for a future blessing? How does that shift your perspective on struggles you face today?

7. **Personal Leadership:** The sermon highlighted leadership development. In what ways can you grow as a leader in your sphere of influence, whether at home, work, or church?

8. **Practical Action Steps:** The sermon called for prayer and giving toward the church's vision, especially for the youth ministry. How can you support this vision tangibly this year—through your time, talents, or treasures?

Pray