## Small Group Discussion Outline



A SUPPLEMENT TO OUR "LIVING IN THE KINGDOM OF GOD" SERIES

- "The purpose of vision is to create the future"
- -George Barna, Barna Ministries

This study is taken from material written by George Barna and supplied with his book "The Power of Vision". These studies are designed to help you explore what the sciptural passage says in its own context, how it relates to key principals of vision and visionary leadership and how you can apply what you have learned. This is the first of three studies we will be working through.

From the following passages of the New Testament, what can be learned from these people about how the vision God gave them affected their lives?



Read: Acts 1:4-8 (Jesus' vision for the Early Church)



- 1. What specific vision had God given His people that began to be fulfilled and implemented on Pentecost (Acts 2:14-22)?
- 2. How was this event related to the vision Jesus gave the Church in Acts 1:4-8?



Read: Acts 9:15; Acts 26:15-23 (Paul's vision)



3. How did the vision God gave Paul affect the way he lived and ministered (2 Corinthians 11:23-28)?



Read: Acts 10:9-16; Acts 11:4-18 (Peter's vision)



- 4. How did God's vision for Peter to evangelize Gentiles restate and underscore Jesus' vision for the ministry and outreach of the Early Church in Acts 1:8?
- 5. How did it change Peter's plans for evangelism?



Read: Acts 16:9-10; Acts 18:9



- 6. How was Paul's ministry affected by continuing to receive strategic direction from God?
- 7. What does this suggest about continuing to consult God as you implement the vision for ministry He has given you and your church (see Proverbs 3:6)?

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- 8. What conclusions can be drawn from these New Testament passages about the way God uses vision?
- 9. Does God give people who are visionary leaders or prophets to the church today?



Read: Ephesians 4:11



- 10. Has God left us without vision today?
- 11. What vision for ministry do you feel God may be giving you and your church?



Read: Matthew 28:18-20; Luke 24:46-49; Acts 1:8



12. Compare and discuss Matthew 10:1-8 with Matthew 28:18-20



Read: Mark 16:15-20; Luke 9:1-6; Luke 10:1-16



13. How much strategic detail is included in these passages?

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