



CELEBRATING THE PAST  
SEEING THE FUTURE

## Seeing the Future – Message 3

### Warm-up

How many fun fact questions can you answer about our St. Charles Campus?

- a) What was the name of the architect who designed the building?
- b) What other impressive New Orleans structure did this architect design?
- c) In what year was the building completed?
- d) What is the square footage of the building?
- e) What organization occupied the building until 1995?
- f) What annual attraction did the building house?

### Overview

This is the third and final message in our 20/20 series titled, *Celebrating the Past, Seeing the Future*. For the past couple of weeks, we have celebrated the last twenty years. In this message, we are going to look into the future and learn how to implement God's vision for Church of the King.

### Word & Application

What is vision? Vision is the ability to see the end from the beginning. It is an inner picture of a preferable future. Our heartbeat as a church is **reaching people, building lives**. This means winning people to Christ and making disciples. Our vision is to see 20 campuses throughout the Gulf Coast region and beyond in the next 20 years. **Read Matthew 28:18-20**. Can you imagine the destinies that will be changed by the power and grace of God as we fulfill His vision? How do you believe the church can make an impact on the Gulf Coast region and beyond?

### Three Benefits of Possessing Vision

#### 1. Vision shows us where we are going.

Vision helps us look forward to seeing where we are headed. It enables us to prepare for the

future. **Read Genesis 15:5.** How did the vision God had for Abraham and Sarah differ from their reality? How does vision strengthen our faith?

2. **Vision provides motivation and inspires us to keep going.**

Our vision needs to be strong enough to carry us through to the end. When we embrace our God-given vision, setbacks and obstacles will seem small and insignificant. How has a vision for your preferable future motivated you to keep going? Where have you placed God in your vision?

3. **Vision provides focus and meaning.**

Acting on our God-given vision will provide us with the focus needed to accomplish our goals. **Read Hebrews 12:1, 2.** Who should we look to for the focus and meaning needed to achieve the vision God has given us? Why should we continue to focus on God to achieve His vision? What did Jesus do to endure the cross?

### **How do we know if the vision is from us or God?**

- **God's vision is always bigger than us.**

We have been trained by our limited thinking and human rationale to think small and believe small. We limit what God can do through our small thinking. **Read Ephesians 3:20.** Can you share a time when God did exceedingly and abundantly above what you could hope, dream or imagine?

- **God's dream and vision are impossible to accomplish without His help.**

If you can easily accomplish what God is calling you to do and it doesn't take faith and God's intervention--it's probably not from Him. **Read Luke 1:37.** Why should we be encouraged when our God-given vision seems impossible?

- **God's vision is compelling.**

God's vision is captivating. It pulls us toward His plan for our life. **Read Acts 10:17-23.** What happened while Peter thought about the vision God gave him?

## **Life Challenge**

Pastor Steve asked, "What can God do through you?" Think of the thousands and thousands of children, students, singles, and families that will be reached for Christ in this region and globally. What miracles are right on the other side of your obedience?

## **Prayer**

*Father, thank You for vision. Thank You for what You've done the last twenty years at Church of the King. Thank You for what You want to do the next twenty years and beyond. We each depend on You to give us what we need to fulfill our God-given purpose and accomplish our role in Your vision for our community, our region, and globally. In Jesus' Name. Amen.*

Pray for the specific needs of the group.