



Hearing God Through Dreams and Visions

Announcements

- **Starting Point** – Sunday, July 1st , 5:00 pm at all campuses. Starting Point is the first step toward getting involved at Church of the King by learning about the vision and mission of the church. Register at www.churchoftheking.com/register

Warm-up

When you were a kid, what did you dream of becoming when you grew up? Why?

Word & Application

Today we are going to talk about how God speaks to us through **dreams and visions**. In our discussion we will define a dream as a series of symbolic pictures that surface in our minds during sleep – the language of the subconscious.

Read Acts 2:17-18. What do these verses tell us about God using dreams and visions to speak to us?

It's important to focus on the phrase in Acts 2:17, which says, "*all flesh.*" This phrase helps us understand God uses dreams and visions to speak to **all** of us. A godly dream is where God speaks to you by the Holy Spirit because he is trying to clearly get your attention and give you direction.

We see God using dreams to speak to people all throughout the Bible (Jacob Genesis 28, Joseph in Genesis 37, King Solomon in 1 Kings 3, John in the Book of Revelation and Joseph in Matthew 2).

Have you ever had a dream you thought was from God? What was the dream? How did the dream impact you? How did the outcome of the dream impact others?

There are 3 practical ways to tell if your dream is from God.

- 1) Test your dream against Scripture.
- 2) Pray about your dream and ask God to show you what he wants you to do.
- 3) Submit our dream to godly counsel.

Not only does God speak to us through dreams, but he also speaks to us through visions. God speaks to us in dreams while we are sleeping and speaks to us through visions while we are awake.

A biblical vision is seeing in your mind and heart a God-given picture of your future. These visions come for a specific purpose and compel us to act.

How is a God-given vision different from a daydream?

Read Genesis 15:1-6. How did Abram's vision from God impact his life? How did the vision impact the world?

How have God-inspired visions directed your life? How have they inspired you and impacted others?

When we have a vision from God it motivates us to action, helps us prioritize our lives and empowers us through tough times.

Read Philippians 3:13-14. The Apostle Paul wrote these verses while he was in prison. Despite his circumstances Paul was able to stay focused because he had a clear vision from God.

How has a vision from God kept you focused on your god-given purpose?

How has today's discussion influenced how you will view dreams and visions? Have you discovered new ways to hear God's whisper?

Prayer

Ask God to help those in your small group to be able to clearly hear his voice through dreams and visions. Take time to ask everybody in your group what specific prayer requests they have and also what prayers they have had answered recently.