



Life Group Study Notes

“Vision Sunday”

Ps. James Lowe - March 18, 2018

Warm Up (10-15 minutes)

Choose a question below to answer, or ask another. No right or wrong answers.

- What is the last class you attended? Did you like it? Why or why not?
- If you had to take a self-improvement class, what would the topic be?
- What is the last non-biblical spiritual book you have read? Was it helpful?

Word (10-15 minutes)

Sermons can be heard online at www.bethelworld.org

Following is a review of some of the main ways Bethel seeks to fulfill God’s purposes.

Bethel’s Values: Devotion - Diversity - Discipleship

1. Devotion: We are to be devoted to God beginning with a commitment to pray, to read the Bible, and to live holy.
2. Diversity: We are to engage in the ministry of reconciliation toward all people.
3. Discipleship: We are to be faithful followers of Jesus who also help others follow him.

Bethel’s Mission: Reaching a City to Touch the World

Acts 1:5, 8 ESV “[Y]ou will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now... [Y]ou will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

- We are to spread the Gospel in our city, our region, our nation, and the world.

Bethel’s Vision: We want to minister to everyone and equip them to minister.

Matthew 28:18-20 ESV And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

- We are to make disciples who obey Jesus and who in turn make disciples.

Ephesians 4:11-12 ESV *And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ...*

- We are to equip every follower of Jesus to engage in ministry.

Bethel's Discipleship Path: Know - Grow - Go

1. Know

- Worship Services: Assemble consistently for weekly worship and preaching.
- Connect Class: Strengthen your relationship with Jesus and get to know Bethel.
- Life Groups: Join with others to get to know God and one another better.

2. Grow

- Serve: Grow as a true follower of Jesus by serving others.
- Be1: Learn how to effectively communicate the Gospel (Win1 class), make disciples (Make1 class), and spiritually lead a small group (Start1 class).
- Equip: Enroll in Bethel's School of Discipleship (BSD) or Leadership Institute (BLI).
 - BSD is designed to build strong believers equipped to make disciples.
 - BLI is designed to prepare faithful believers for Christian leadership.

3. Go

- Share your faith: Start a conversation; Ask questions; Listen well; Tell the story of the Gospel (S.A.L.T.).
- Life Group leader: Become a small group leader and learn to help others grow and minister.
- Local & global outreach: Engage in organized outreach locally and internationally through Bethel's and Every Nation's ministries.

Discussion (10-15 minutes)

Choose one of the points below, and discuss how the lesson applies to our lives.

- What speaks to you from Bethel's values, mission, and vision?
- How could you get more involved in Bethel's discipleship path?
- How could you take advantage of what Bethel offers in order to better fulfill your calling?

Prayer (10-15 minutes)

Pray for any of the following, as well as any other requests you may have.

- Thank God for surrounding you with people who want to serve and honor God.
- Ask God to show you how he wants you to better pursue your calling.
- Ask God to show you who he wants you to help to know and follow Jesus.