

Crafting Your Vision

Opening Prayer:

<p><i>Psalm 139: 1-18</i></p> <p>1 LORD, you have searched me, you know me:</p> <p>2 you know when I sit and stand; you understand my thoughts from afar.</p> <p>3 You sift through my travels and my rest; with all my ways you are familiar.</p> <p>4 Even before a word is on my tongue, LORD, you know it all.</p> <p>5 Behind and before you encircle me and rest your hand upon me.</p> <p>6 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, far too lofty for me to reach.</p> <p>7 Where can I go from your spirit? From your presence, where can I flee?</p> <p>8 If I ascend to the heavens, you are there; if I lie down in Sheol, there you are.</p> <p>9 If I take the wings of dawn and dwell beyond the sea,</p> <p>10 Even there your hand guides me, your right hand holds me fast.</p>	<p>11 If I say, "Surely darkness shall hide me, and night shall be my light"—</p> <p>12 Darkness is not dark for you, and night shines as the day. Darkness and light are but one.</p> <p>13 You formed my inmost being; you knit me in my mother's womb.</p> <p>14 I praise you, because I am wonderfully made; wonderful are your works! My very self you know.</p> <p>15 My bones are not hidden from you, When I was being made in secret, fashioned in the depths of the earth.</p> <p>16 Your eyes saw me unformed; in your book all are written down; my days were shaped, before one came to be.</p> <p>17 How precious to me are your designs, O God; how vast the sum of them!</p> <p>18 Were I to count them, they would outnumber the sands; when I complete them, still you are with me.</p>
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How to Pray:

- Prayer can be difficult in front of others, but what we hope you'll learn through this process is prayer is a conversation with God. Be aware that God's not focused on the words, but the heart's intent of the prayer is heard.
- **Basic outline for how to pray is:** Name God, Thank God, Hit Him up for something, and end "in Jesus name we pray".
 - **Example:** Dear God, I want to thank you for such an amazing day. Please continue to guide and bless us on our journey, in Jesus name we pray.
 - **Example:** Heavenly Father, we come to you with gratitude for such love you show us. Please continue to be with our families and those we love, in Jesus's name we pray.

Your Vision and Values

Starting today and throughout this process we are going to craft a vision for your life. To help you with this, we want to look at the values you have, and how Scripture affirms them.

Make sure that your vision statement is:

- **Clear** - It should be something so that when another person hears it they know what it is saying.
- **Memorable** - A vision statement forgotten is pointless so make sure it's something you can easily memorize.
- **Emotional** - It can't just be: "*I want to be great.*" Your vision should be personal - something that you are proud and passionate about achieving.

What do you want your vision to be for this year? What about in 2 years?

*(make sure it's **who you want to be** and not what you want to do)*

Think about what you'd like this process to bring out in you, what you'd like your life in faith to look like, and how you'd like others to see you at the end of the year. Then in a sentence or two seek to match your passion with the community's needs. This becomes your vision/mission statement.

MY VISION: _____

Next Activity
Your **Values**:

Today, often our value is based on how many "likes" or "followers" we can gain. With snapchat streaks or Fortnite wins being the focus on most minds of teenagers, we want to expand that into what really matters.

Think about passing a gravesite, as you get closer, you'll see – "Here lies _____." They went viral on social media and posted daily on their snapchat story." It's kind of ridiculous to think about, so let's aim for values that matter.

In this section we want you to put under COLUMN A – Values that you admire in OTHERS.

VALUES in OTHERS Column A	Column B
1. _____	_____
2. _____	_____
3. _____	_____
4. _____	_____
5. _____	_____
6. _____	_____
7. _____	_____
8. _____	_____
9. _____	_____
10. _____	_____

A. Write out 5-10 **values** (in column A) that are important to you.
i. Honest, Hardworking, Kind, etc...

B. Can you become/embody those values yourself? What can you do to help yourself become more from column A? Write your suggested additions to column B.