



VISION AND MISSION WORKSHOP 1
FIRST STEPS ON YOUR VISIONARY JOURNEY

TEACHING OBJECTIVES:

To clarify and write God's vision and mission for your life so you can faithfully fulfill God's greater purposes.



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VISION FOR MINISTRY IS

A clear **mental image** of a **preferable future imparted by God** to his chosen servants, and is based upon an **accurate understanding of God, self, and circumstances.**



GEORGE BARNA

Writing your vision and mission is essential to clarifying God's purposes and plans for your life. Based on George Barna's definition of vision in the box below, and on the need you identified during the "Power of Vision" session, write the first draft of your vision statement on a blank sheet of paper or notebook.

VISION STATEMENT



Your vision statement should be written in the presence of God; **your vision is God-given.**

Your vision statement is a picture of something God wants to accomplish. It is what you see of the preferable future that God desires. It is often the answer to the question of why a certain work needs to take place. Why did Nehemiah rebuild a wall? To see a fully restored Jerusalem.

If vision is a mental image, your statement should describe that picture. The description of an image does not have action verbs in it. For example, instead of “to plant a church in my city,” a vision statement should read “to see a new church established in my city.”

Begin with the needs that you see, feel, and for which you have a special burden. **Your vision should be related to specific human needs.** If necessary, refer back to the session on “The Power of Vision.”

Vision can be revealed in a moment or it can take months or even years to fully take shape. Write down what you know, and continue seeking God until the full vision is revealed.

Reflect on the Great Commandment and the Great Commission. Who is God specifically calling upon you to love and reach with the Gospel?

Write your vision statement with descriptive language in the fewest possible words. Make it memorable, clear, and compelling. Your vision statement should inspire yourself and others to action.

MISSION STATEMENT



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In order to fulfill the vision God has given you, there is a task you will have to accomplish. In other words, God has given you a mission that will ultimately bring your vision into reality. **The next step after stating your vision is to write a mission statement expressing what you sense is God's purpose for your life. That purpose will lead you to accomplish your God-given vision.**

On a separate sheet of paper, write the first draft of your mission statement. Your mission flows from God's vision for your life.

WHAT: Your mission statement describes **what you will do to accomplish the vision. For Nehemiah, the mission was to go to Jerusalem and rebuild the walls.**

HOW: Your statement should express in general terms how you plan to fulfill your vision. **This is not a detailed list of what you do, but a generic overview of the process.** Your mission will help you focus your time, energy, and gifts to reach your maximum potential to accomplish the vision.

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Workshop FIRST DRAFT

This workshop will consist of four activities.

1. Spend a few minutes reflecting and re-writing the statement of the need God has called you to meet, according to the question you answered during the Power of Vision session (page 77).
2. Write the first draft of your vision statement. Based on the need God called you to meet, write the mental picture of a preferable future that God is showing you to the best of your ability. Facilitators will be available during the whole workshop to answer questions and help you clarify your vision. Use the guidelines on page 87.
3. Write the first draft of your mission statement, addressing how God wants you to fulfill the vision He is showing you. Use the guidelines on page 87.
4. During the last 15 minutes of the session, share your progress with one other participant, and give feedback. Finish by praying together that God will make your visions a reality.



CONCLUSION

This workshop will conclude in prayer for the transformational potential of all the visions God has revealed during this training.

At the end of this workshop, after recording your statements, commit your future fully into God's hands using the following portion of The Lord's Prayer:

Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name,
Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in Heaven.

—Matthew 6:9–10 KJ21