



November 6, 2019

## MY VISION WORKSHEET

**NAME:** WoW2 Small Group (2020)

**DATE:** 11/6/2019

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**IDENTIFY** your vision and the Scripture(s) you are standing on

**“Thriving in the Wilderness”**

**Psalm 95:6-8 (NLT)**

Come, let us worship and bow down, Let us kneel before the Lord, our maker; for he is our God, We are the people he watches over, the flock under his care. If only you would listen to his voice today! The Lord says, “Don’t harden your hearts as Israel did...in the wilderness.

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**DEFINE** what your completed vision should look like

**Peace, be still! (Mark 4:39) – group will be a safe place to grow, so we can thrive in the wilderness.**

To promote a safe and peaceful environment, we will operate according to the guidelines we’ve established for timeliness, attendance, RSVPs, resolving conflict, communicating outside of group, recognition, and embracing our roles and responsibilities (See attached)

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**APPLY:** What steps will you need to apply to fulfill your vision?

**Jeremiah 4:3 – we will prepare our heart to hear what God is saying. Towards that goal, we will take the following steps:**

- **Preparation:** We will acknowledge this is a season of preparing the soil of our heart to receive God’s Word (Exodus 12:6).
  - **Guidance.** We will ask for, receive, and respond to guidance from the Lord for any “thorny” areas in our midst (Numbers 9:5).
  - **Change.** We will embrace change, because it’s going to happen, so even when things don’t go how we want them to, our reactions are still held to God’s standards (Genesis 31:41)
  - **Nourishment.** We will not let fear rule us, but instead, we will embrace the work of the Holy Spirit in our midst as we surrender to the Lord and stay in community, so we can gain nourishment for our growth as a group and as an individual (Acts 27:27-35).
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## UPDATED GROUP VISION

**VISION:** A bible-based, practical application journey through the word of God

**PURPOSE:** To create an atmosphere that fosters transparency, discipleship, and the outpouring of God's love

**MISSION:** To bring women of God together in an atmosphere that affects change in us, so we may impact others

**GOAL:** To disciple women of God in the practical application of God's word **MOTTO:** To be doers of the word and not hearers only

**CORE VALUES:** These are our core values. They are held together by love and commitment – for and to God and each other

- **ACCOUNTABILITY:** We allow others to speak the truth of God's word into our lives, making the necessary adjustments in our lives to live out our motto
- **TRANSPARENCY:** We are open with those we have made ourselves accountable to, so they can affectively minister to our needs
- **INTIMACY:** We will allow our transparency to create an environment of intimacy where we allow our sisters in Christ to "in-to-me-see"
- **CONFIDENTIALITY:** We will hold dear to our hearts the things our sisters share with us to foster an environment of trust to maintain our transparency and intimacy

**ETIQUETTE REMINDER:** Let everything you do and say be tempered by mercy, compassion, and love. To achieve this goal and to promote a safe and peaceful environment, we will operate according to the following guidelines:

- **Timeliness.**
  - **Meeting Time.** We start at 7:15 with whoever is present and end at 8:30. However, if the meeting is running over, feel free to text your family and let them know you are okay, or to leave early, if necessary.
  - **Late/Early.** Feel free to join us late or leave early without disrupting group. Also feel free to ask questions, even if you were late.
- **Attendance.**
  - **Tracking Attendance.** Everyone present was okay with tracking attendance. It helps us know what, if anything, we missed.
  - **Checking on Absent Members.** We will add a question to the "Getting to Know You" form new members fill out to determine, if they miss group, would they like someone to check on them and how often. Those present would like to be checked on.
  - **Inviting Others.** It's okay to invite others to small group; however, if we are doing a book or other guided study, group will be closed until that study is over. Any other time, group is always open.
  - **Leaving Group.** Should circumstances change and you need to leave group, we would like the opportunity to pray over you during your last meeting.

- **RSVPs.** Since life gets busy, everyone present chose to receive a weekly reminder text. She will respond with whether or not she is planning to attend.
- **Resolving Conflict.** As much as we hope conflict does not arise, we realize it is always a possibility, so we established the following guidelines in order to quell offense before it can get out of hand:
  - **Someone has sinned against (or offended) you.** Keeping it simple and using Matthew 18:15-17 as our guideline, if someone does something contrary to what we know from Scripture (sins against you) or offends you in some way, 1) talk to her alone. 2) If she doesn't listen, ask someone else to join the two of you to work it out. If that doesn't work, then let's talk about it as a group to see if, together, we can work it out.
  - **Someone is offended with you.** For this, we turn to Matthew 5:23-24 and Romans 12:18 to help guide us. While this is not a strict interpretation of the two verses, the principle is, if we know someone is holding something against us, do our best to make peace with them.
- **Communicating Outside of Small Group**
  - **Distribution lists.** Everyone present has opted to be included on the distribution lists used to communicate and encourage each other outside of small group. This will also be added to the "Getting to Know You" form so anyone joining group later can opt in or out at that moment. You can also opt in or out any time you choose.
  - **Small group rosters.** Everyone present was okay with their contact information being distributed among those attending small group, so we can communicate with each other outside of our meetings.
- **Recognition of birthdays/group anniversaries.** I will once again start sending out birthday and anniversary greetings.
- **Roles and responsibilities in small group.**
  - **Participation.** Feel free to ask questions like, "What do you mean by that," or any other question in order to ensure you understand the discussion material. However, let's remain respectful towards one another. Also, feel free to remain silent and listen if that's how you learn.
  - **Using your gifts in small group.** Everyone is encouraged to look for ways to use her spiritual gifts in small group.
  - **Facilitating small group.** Overall, I view myself as the facilitator during group; however, there will be times when I will need to take the lead.