VISION STEPS

Key Scripture: Genesis 37:5a & 9a

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Starter: How does God reveal His vision for His people? How can you discern God's vision for your life?

Discussion:

1. Pastor Mark said*: "A vision is the ability to see God's preferred future, the faith to believe for it and the courage to do it".* Discuss what this means in context of our community today?

2. What was the God-given dream Joseph had? What happened when he revealed his dream to his family? Read: Genesis 37:5a and 9a. How long did it take for God's vision for Joseph's deliverance of his people to be fulfilled?

3. God has a unique plan for every believer in Christ. There is a vision for your life and that is the dream He will put in your heart. Reflect on: What energizes you? What are you passionate about?

4. Read Proverbs 29:18. What do you think this proverb means? Pastor Mark also mentioned the Helen Keller quote: *"The only thing worse than being blind is **having sight but no vision**".* Why is it vital to have a vision for your life, your work, your family etc.?

5. Discuss the four visionary steps Pastor Mark talked about: i. **Dare to dream:** Genesis 37:5a & 9a. ii. **Define your dream:** Genesis 37:7 & 9c. iii. **Declare your dream:** Genesis 37:5b & 9b & 10a. iv. **Defend your dream:** Genesis 37:3-4, 8 & 10-11. What stood out to you about these key steps when you heard the sermon?

6. God has a vision and blueprint for His church. How can you be part of His plan and purpose? Discuss the importance of having a God sized vision.

7. God speaks about His plans and purpose in Jeremiah 29:11. Read this Scripture. What does God say His plans are? How does that make you feel to know this?

Diving Deeper:

- Thank God for His vision and plans for His church. Ask the Holy Spirit to give you the spiritual discernment to know what He is calling you to do, as you submit to His will and depend on Him.
- Pray together and ask God to give you wisdom and discernment to follow His vision for this connect group. Share ideas that come to mind after you have prayed together.