

Healthy Habits: Vision

LifeGroup Lesson

January 8, 2017

Luke 4:14-21

OPENING PRAYER:

Holy, loving, compassionate God, we come here on this winter day to celebrate good news and find Your Word for our lives. You, God, the Creator of the universe and the Maker of the seasons, refresh our lives and renew our spirits here in this time of study. Amen.

BREAKING THE ICE:

- What did you agree or disagree with in the LifeTalk this week?
- What would you do/be if money, time, education, etc. were not an issue?

WRESTLING WITH THE WORD:

We start the year focusing on God's vision for our life. In today's text, Jesus knows without a doubt who he is and what he is called to do. Read Luke 4:14-21.

- What jumps out at you in this scripture?
- Jesus walks into this synagogue with determination and confidence, v. 14 says he was full of the Holy Spirit.
 - What would it look like for you to be full of the Holy Spirit?
 - What will help you to be full of the Holy Spirit and understand your calling?
 - What action steps will you take?
- How does Jesus define his mission and vision in this scripture? How do you see that lived out in his life, death and resurrection?
- What aspect of Jesus' mission most speaks to your life (v. 18-19)? How will you live out this passion?
- Jesus has such clarity and certainty in this passage. Describe a time in your life when you were so clear ... What helped you gain that clarity and how can you apply that to your current situation?

Read the following scriptures on vision or following God. What is the text saying to your life? Habakkuk 2, Jeremiah 29:8-23, Amos 3:3-11, 1 John 4:1-6, Acts 2:1-21, 1 Peter 4:1-11

CLOSING POSSIBILITIES:

- How will your life be different based upon what you have learned in this week's scripture, lesson and/or LifeTalk?
- How can the group pray for you this week?
- Go around the group and each share an area of hurt or need in their life where they can use God's vision. Pray for each person after they have spoken.

NEXT STEPS:

- Create your bucket list. Sit with God as you contemplate things you would like to do/accomplish in your life.
- Spend time with God and create 3 goals for 2017. Then make a detailed plan to accomplish those goals with God.
- Add a Healthy Habit to your life with God. (i.e. before you begin all tasks and work pray – "God, you are completely here. Make your presence known as I begin. Stay with me as I work. Let what I do be acceptable to you. Amen. – Steve Case)

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK:

O God, since Thou art with me, and it is Thy will that I must now appu myself to these outward duties, I beseech Thee, assist me with Thy grace that I may continue in Thy Presence; and to thise ned, O Lord, be with me in this my work, accept the labor of my hands, and dwell within my heart with all Thy fullness. ---Brother Lawrence (1611-1691)