

## Vision Quest Group Guide #3: Ministry Milestones

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### 1. Either read silently or take turns reading these Bible/EGW Texts

A. **Bible:** Proverbs 29:18; Matthew 4:17-18; Luke 24:46-53; Acts 1; James 4:13-17.

Write down thoughts here: \_\_\_\_\_  
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B. **Ellen White** excerpts on "planning"

"The best help that ministers can give the members of our churches is not sermonizing, but planning work for them. Give each one something to do for others. Help all to see that as receivers of the grace of Christ they are under obligation to work for Him. And let all be taught how to work. Especially should those who are newly come to the faith be educated to become laborers together with God"-- Testimonies, vol. 9, p. 82.

"Time is short, and our forces must be organized to do a larger work. Laborers are needed who comprehend the greatness of the work and who will engage in it, not for the wages they receive, but from a realization of the nearness of the end. The time demands greater efficiency and deeper consecration. Oh, I am so full of this subject that I cry to God: 'Raise up and send forth messengers filled with a sense of their responsibility, messengers in whose hearts self-idolatry, which lies at the foundation of all sin, has been crucified'" (9T 27).

### 2. Fill in the blanks writing down your thoughts after reading these items

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### 3. Look again at the mission / vision statements

### 4. What are we (or can we) do to carry out our mission/vision to these people:

Criminals / Police \_\_\_\_\_

Educational needs \_\_\_\_\_

Singles \_\_\_\_\_

Households with children (60% under age 50) \_\_\_\_\_

Those living below Poverty Level \_\_\_\_\_

Elderly \_\_\_\_\_

Commuters \_\_\_\_\_

- Drug abuse\_\_\_\_\_
- Hispanic ministry\_\_\_\_\_
- Single mothers / addressing teen pregnancy\_\_\_\_\_

5. List your top 10 Items that you would like to do in the next 5 years to meet the needs in your community:

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| 1. | 2.  |
| 3. | 4.  |
| 5. | 6.  |
| 7. | 8.  |
| 9. | 10. |

\*Which two are you most passionate about accomplishing?\_\_\_\_\_

6. Share Your Ideas with Your Group

7. Write down what others share to be combined into 1 List of 10 Items:

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8. Top 10 Items to submit to the pastor:\_\_\_\_\_

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9. Facilitator: you will read the statement to the congregation

10. Note-taker: you will make sure the pastor receives the statement