

Vision Quest Group Guide #4: Keeping the Vision Before Us

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

A. **Bible:** 2 Chronicles 7:14; Proverbs 29:18; Acts 5; James 4:13-17.

Write down thoughts here: _____

B. **Ellen White** excerpts on "Keeping the Vision Before Us"

☐ "The cause of division and discord in families and in the church is separation from Christ. To come near to Christ is to come near to one another. The secret of true unity in the church and in the family is not diplomacy, not management, not a superhuman effort to overcome difficulties--though there will be much of this to do--but union with Christ" (Adventist Home, 179).

☐ "The life of a church depends on the interest which its members manifest in those outside the fold. Let the church of God remember that Christ gave Himself as a sacrifice to save a world from destruction. For our sake He became poor, that we through His poverty might come into possession of eternal riches. Shall those whom God has blessed with a knowledge of the truth become narrow in their plans? . . . encourage a spirit of gratitude for past mercies and blessings. Let them praise the Lord in unfeigned gratitude for the light of His Word, which shines upon their pathway, to be received into heart and mind, and reflected upon those in darkness (Signs of the Times, August 21, 1901).

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

3. Look again at the mission / vision statements

4. List ways that we can keep reminding ourselves often of our mission/vision

5. What are some ways that we can use our bulletin, website, visuals, etc. to keep reminding ourselves of the mission/vision?

6. Do you have any abilities that you could use to help us with these ideas?

7. Share Your Ideas with Your Group

8. Write down what others share and combine into 1 List of 10 Items:

9. Submit ALL ideas to the pastor:

10. Facilitator: you will read some of the ideas to the congregation

11. Note-taker: you will make sure the pastor receives these ideas