

make it STICK

WEEK 1
CREATE A VISION
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“Everybody ends up somewhere in life. A few people end up somewhere on purpose. Those are the ones with vision.”

— Andy Stanley

How do we make it **stick**?

We make it stick with a compelling ____ vision ____.

“The God of our ancestors has chosen you to know his will and to **see** the Righteous One and **hear** him speak. For you are to be his **witness**, telling everyone what you have seen and heard.”
Acts 22:14-15

“But my life is worth nothing to me unless I use it for finishing the work assigned me by the Lord Jesus—the work of **telling others** the Good News about the wonderful grace of God.” *Acts 20:24*

“After more than 50 years of research, **‘long-term perspective’** was the most important determinant of financial and personal success in life.” — Edward Banfield

“There is one quality which one must possess to win and that is **definiteness of purpose**, the knowledge of what one wants, and the burning desire to possess it.” — Napoleon Hill

“The only thing worse than being blind is having sight but **no vision**.”
— Helen Keller

Making it stick is ____ hard ____.

What is your compelling vision?

Relationship with God, Personal Development, Career, Health, Money, Friendships, Relationship, Family, Adventures

“If you cannot see it when it’s not there, then it will never be there.”
— Unknown

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Group Prep

In preparation for small group, please read Acts 20:17-24 and 2 Corinthians 11:16-28, listen to the weekend service message, then answer the following discussion questions.

Introduction

No matter how big or how small, all people have aspirations or dreams of how their life will play out. Andy Stanley, lead pastor of North Point Community Church, said, “Everybody ends up somewhere in life. A few people end up somewhere on purpose. Those are the ones with vision.” We will all end up somewhere. If we don’t want to end up somewhere we don’t want to be, we must have a compelling vision that guides us.

Discussion Questions

1. If you have set any New Year’s resolutions, what are they? If not, what keeps you from setting goals for 2019?

As a whole, people aren’t very good at following through on goals. 80% of New Year’s resolutions fail by the 2nd week of February. Which aspects of life do you wish you were more dedicated to growing in and why?

2. If any resolution or goal is going to stick, we must have a compelling vision. In your own words, what is vision?

The apostle Paul had a compelling vision. What was it? What were some of the trials he endured to see his vision fulfilled? What trials are you currently facing that prevent progress?

Read the quotes from Banfield, Hill, and Keller aloud. How does a compelling vision help us follow through on our commitments?

3. The following are life categories for which we need to have a compelling vision. What is your compelling vision for each of these categories?

Relationship with God

Personal Development

Career

Health

Money

Friendships

Marriage/Relationships

Family

Adventures

Are there any other categories of life you’d like to have a compelling vision for? What is the category and what is your vision for it?

Why is it so important to have a compelling vision for each of these categories of life?

Action Step

4. Going forward, how will you keep these categories of life and the compelling vision for each one in front you?

My action step is

I will encourage and pray for to follow through, and their action step is

My memory verse is

This coming week, I’m praying for

Outreach: Groups in Action

Emmanuel has a team of 18 leaving for a mission trip to Haiti in mid-January. Prepare a treat bag and prayer card for the team and drop it off at the Outreach counter before January 17.

Emmanuel is hosting a Middle School Retreat at the Franklin Campus on January 12. Serve lunch to the students as a group!

For more information about these opportunities, please contact Kerry Carmichael at kcarmichael@eclife.org.