

Kingdom Leadership Outline

Re-visioning, Refocusing, and Reconnecting.

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The Church's mission and mandate as given by Jesus the Christ is to reveal God's glory to a lost world through our life, light and love. Since God's glory can become obscured and shrouded by misplaced priorities in everyday Christians, Christian leaders must help the body of Christ stay focused on God's Kingdom purpose by constantly **Re-visioning, Refocusing, and Reconnecting.**

1. There are many reasons re-visioning, refocusing and reconnecting are necessary.

Consider the following:

- a. The vision can leak.
- b. The enthusiasm diminishes.
- c. The focus can drift.
- d. The priorities get misplaced.

2. There are barriers to vision and to reaching people for Christ. Our vision is the Great Commission.

- a. Maintenance mindset (to survive; protect our private property or program).
- b. Ignorance concerning the mission (assumption about the mission).
- c. Lack of leadership (servant leaders must do more than mind the store).

3. There are some required characteristics of servant leaders, leading a movement.

- a. Leaders must be secure in Christ, knowing who they are and whose they are.
- b. Leaders must Love God's people and Love to Serve People.
- c. Leaders must have good character (respected by the people they serve)
- d. Leaders must have a winsome personality.
- e. Leader must understand the need for daily renewal with Christ.

The Scripture foundation for this teaching can be drawn from the books Ezra and Haggai. After 70 years of captivity, the people of Judah and Jerusalem were released and returned home for common purpose, with a common bond to each other, and a unified vision.

Ezr 1:2 *“These are the words of Cyrus, king of Persia: The Lord God of heaven has given me all the kingdoms of the earth; and he has made me responsible for building a house for him in Jerusalem, which is in Judah. 3) *Whoever there is among you of his people, may his God be**

with him, and let him go up to Jerusalem, which is in Judah, and take in hand the building of the house of the Lord, the God of Israel; he is the God who is in Jerusalem.”

4. The Requirements for the Returning Captives Who Accept the Challenge: (The Called)

- a. The returning captives should be Hebrews or Jews.
- b. The returning captives should be volunteers.
- c. The returning captives should be serious about the task of rebuilding.
- d. The returning captives are to be funded for God’s purpose.

5. Their Lost Focus and Vision Resulted in Misplaced Priorities (Haggai 1:1-4)

- a. The landscape changed: opposition, delay and the economy.
- b. Their attitude changed: from urgency to complacency; from kingdom vision to personal vision; and from unity to division.
- c. Their purpose changed: from building His Kingdom to building their own kingdom.

Hag 1:5 *“Now therefore thus saith the LORD of hosts; Consider your ways.”* (Spend time in self-reflection and evaluation)

Are the departments of your Church working with a common vision, in a common bond for a common purpose?

Are the districts, conferences, and local churches working with a common vision, in a common bond for a common purpose?

Are the departments; Missionaries, Christian Education, and Laity of your Church working with a common vision, in a common bond for a common purpose?

Are your present activities vital to the mission of making disciples for Jesus Christ? Are our programs designed to reach the church or unchurched? Are our programs reaching out or reaching in or both? “Consider Your Ways”

6. The Consequences Resulting From Misplaced Priorities (Haggai 1:5-11)

- a. They had unmet expectations.
- b. They were unsatisfied in their personal lives.
- c. They were living beneath their privileges and beneath God’s desire for them.

They rob themselves of the life God wanted for them. Instead of having enough resources to meet their needs, they found that there’s never enough. Instead of God taking pleasure in his Temple (Church), God’s heart was grieved.

Instead of the Church revealing God's glory to a lost world, God's glory is obscured and shrouded by the misplaced priorities of everyday Christians. God takes no pleasure in our division and separation. There is a common purpose for the kingdom.

7. The Solution for Misplaced Priorities, unclear focus and vision (Haggai 1:12-15)

a. Realignment to God's priorities (It's not just a temple, it's His Witness to the World)

The leadership must realign themselves with God's Priorities. (Zerubbabel, the governor of Israel, and Joshua, the high priest must lead by example)

b. Refocusing on God's Original Purpose (In other words, it began with reevaluation, with seeking God's guidance on where their priorities were messed up)

c. Reconnect with God's Perception "... and the people did fear before the LORD."

(Fear of the Lord is loving God with all our hearts, serving him with all our passion, obeying him as best we can and working in harmony "that the world may know Jesus Christ." This is the response God was looking for from his people, both then and now.

d. Reunite with God's People "... and the spirit of all the remnant of the people; and they came and did work in the house of the LORD of hosts, their God,"

Hag 1:14 So the LORD stirred up the spirit of Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and the spirit of Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and the spirit of all the remnant of the people; and they came and worked on the house of the LORD of hosts, their God,