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Part 2: Live with a Strategy
Sermon Small Group Notes**

USING THIS SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

We have provided all the Scriptures referenced in the sermon and some discussion questions for you to use to facilitate a discussion.

This Sermon Discussion Guide is only a tool to aid you in meeting the needs of your group. For most groups, there are too many questions to answer in one session together.

While the questions are important, remember your small group's goal is not to pound through the questions but to create an atmosphere that will foster true friendships, so knock yourself out with the discussion questions but spend more time laughing than answering the questions.

We are on earth not just to get from here to heaven, but to establish His mission.

VISION is a picture of the future that produces passion.

[Ephesians 1.15-19, VOICE]

This is why, when I heard of the faith in The Lord Jesus that is present in your community and of your great love for all God's people, I haven't stopped thanking Him for you. I am continually speaking to Him on your behalf in my prayers. Here's what I say:

"God of our Lord Jesus the Anointed, Father of Glory: I call out to You on behalf of Your people. Give them minds ready to receive wisdom and revelation so they will truly know you. Open the eyes of their hearts, and let the light of Your truth flood in. Shine Your light on the hope You are calling them to embrace. Reveal to them the glorious riches You are preparing as their inheritance. Let them see the full extent of Your power that is at work in those of us who believe, and may it be done according to Your might and power." AMEN!

[Isaiah 43.15-19]

*I am the LORD, your Holy One, Israel's Creator and King. I am the LORD, who opened a way through the waters, making a dry path through the sea. I called forth the mighty army of Egypt with all its chariots and horses. I drew them beneath the waves, and they drowned, their lives snuffed out like a smoldering candlewick. "But forget all that--it is nothing compared to what I am going to do. For **I am about to do something new**. See, I have already begun! **Do you not see it?** (will you perceive it?)*

Strategic Vision Requires:

1. Living on Mission

- a. A life lived to glorify Jesus
- b. A heart committed to building His kingdom

2. Living in Pursuit of God

[Psalm 105.3-4, AMP]

*Glory in His holy name; let the hearts of those rejoice who seek and require The Lord [as their indispensable necessity]. Seek, inquire of The Lord, and crave Him and His strength. **Seek and require His face and His presence [continually] evermore.***

Your prayers might be the track for someone else's vision to run on.

- 3. Making the necessary adjustments and investments.**
- 4. Trusting God as we step into the unknown.**

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. What are some basic practices that can get your life in motion for God to add momentum?**
- 2. When have you, or someone you're in close to, experienced God giving specific strategy? Was it a "God moment" or a timeline of life?**
- 3. How does having an ongoing vision help you to be strategic through different seasons of life, while staying focused on the big picture? How do we gain and maintain that freshness?**
- 4. What does it look like for your heart to be completely dependent on God? [Isaiah 43] What might your response be today? What adjustments of investments do you personally need to make?**
- 5. How do your prayers expand the vision in others' lives, homes, and areas of leadership? How have you seen that?**
- 6. Who might you need to partner with to see the fulfillment of God's vision in your life?**