

DEVELOPING AND MAINTAINING VISION & VALUES

Introductory exercise:

You are planning a holiday for the family. You have teenage children who are on the edge of no longer coming on family holidays. You want them to come. How do you respond to the situation? Where will you go? What are the steps you will take to get there?

Introductory quotes:

"Vision is a picture of the future that produces passion." Hybels, *Courageous Leadership*, 32.

"The vision needs to be big enough to stir the blood, specific enough to be accomplished, and short enough to be put on a bumper sticker.",

Borden, Hitting the Bullseye, 66

"Give to us clear vision, that we may know where to stand and what to stand for, for unless we stand for something we will fall for anything."

Peter Marshall (1902 – 1949) Prayer to open the US Senate 1947

"Then the Lord replied:

"Write down the revelation and make it plain on tablets so that a herald may run with it." Habakkuk 2:2

"On the Lord's Day I was in the Spirit, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet, which said: "Write on a scroll what you see and send it to the seven churches ... Write, therefore, what you have seen, what is now, and what will take place later."

Revelation, 1:10 – 11, 19

For group discussion:

Is all this talk about vision, just a trendy, corporate approach that the church has adopted?

Vision: biblical examples?

What is the vision (the picture of the future) highlighted in the following passages? Is it a good vision? Who's vision is it?

• Genesis 11:1-9

• Matthew 13

• Revelation 21