

Define Our What

1/28/18

I. Clear Vision

A. Prov. 19:18 Where there is no vision, the people perish; but he that keeps the law, happy is he.

Vision means:

- To see (the vision must be clear)
- To perceive (the vision must be understood)
- To prophesy (the vision must have a future (prophetic) element)

B. Nehemiah proclaimed a clear vision.

1. He spent time fasting, praying and seeking God about what to do
2. God provided miraculously for the vision. (Remember, it was not Nehemiah's vision, it was the vision God gave him during his time of fasting and prayer)
3. He accomplished in 52 days what others had not been able to do in 70 years!

II. Our Goals

A. Before we set our goals we must remember:

1. Our WHY – to reach the lost
2. Our HOW – Develop three keystone habits
3. Our WHAT – What we will do to accomplish our WHY

III. BHAG – Big, Hairy, Audacious Goals

A. Examples: Putting a man on the moon, a computer in every home

1. But God is the originator of Big, Hairy, Audacious Goals
 - a. Noah's ark, Gideon's army of 300, battle of Jericho, David vs. Goliath

B. 4 Goals for LifeSpring Christian Church

1. 80% of the church participating in a daily quiet time with God

- Epic Church bible reading plan
- Weekly encouragement blog
- Pray.com app

2. Consistent giving

- \$5000 to Global Outreach Offering
- \$20,000 to produce a bible for a people group that does not have one

3. 70% of our people involved in small groups

4. See 40 people make decisions for Christ this year.

Discussion Questions:

1. Is the vision of the church clearly communicated? If not, how can we improve?
2. Discuss why Nehemiah was able to accomplish what others could not. Was he more Godly? Did he have more faith? Or was it simply that he had a clear, definable vision?
3. Which of these 4 goals do you think is more difficult? Why?
4. What can you do personally to help achieve these 4 goals?
5. Can you repeat from memory our mission statement?