

Time to Dream - Part 1
The Future
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Rev. 3:20 (ESV) Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me.

John 10:10 (MSG) I came so they can have real and eternal life, more and better life than they ever dreamed of.

- What is a spiritual growth campaign?
- It's a concentrated growth process designed to boost our focus, draw us closer to Jesus and each other and intentionally energize our future.

4 Goals of our campaign:

Goal #1 - To help us all to look **FORWARD** and not waste our future.

Eph. 2:10 (NCV) God has made us what we are. In Christ Jesus, God made us to do good works, which God planned in advance for us to live our lives doing.

- The person of Jesus prepares us for eternity!
- The principles of Jesus prepare us for the earth!

Goal #2 - To help us **SUPPORT** each other as a church family.

1 Cor. 12:27 (NIV) Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.

- We are Jesus centered and will be
- We are Gospel centered and will be
- We are bible centered and will be
- God uses the local church to be a light to the world

Goal #3 - To help each of us discover our **ASSIGNMENT**.

1 Peter 4:10 (NIV) Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.

- Everything God created was to solve a problem
- Creativity is the search for solutions
- Your assignment is to solve problems for those to whom you are sent!
- Your assignment is not your decision but your discovery

Goal #4 - To help us **SUPPORT** each other in doing God's plan.

Romans 1:12 (NCV) I mean that I want us to help each other with the faith we have. Your faith will help me, and my faith will help you.

Phil. 1:18 But what does it matter? The important thing is that in every way, whether from false motives or true, Christ is preached. And because of this I rejoice. Yes, and I will continue to rejoice"

- What are the tools we are going to use?
- Concentrated focus
- Small group support
- Multiple learning styles
- Reinforced prayer

Col. 4:3(ESV) At the same time, pray also for us, that God may open to us a door for the word,

- Covenant

What are dreams?

A) **THOUGHTS** you have while sleeping.

- *Last night I had a dream that I was swimming in an ocean of orange soda. I guess it was just a Fanta sea!*

B) The **DESIRE**s you have while awake.

- Daydreaming

C) The **GOALS** and **PLANS** God created you to fulfill.

Jer. 29:11 (NIV) For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

- God's dreams are bigger than your dreams for your life

Eph. 3:20 (NIV) Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us,

- You can miss God's dream for your life

Rev. 3:7-8 (CEV) I am the one who is holy and true, and I have the keys that belonged to David. When I open a door, no one can close it. And when I close a door, no one can open it. Listen to what I say. I know everything you have done. And I have placed before you an open door that no one can close. You were not very strong, but you obeyed my message and did not deny that you are my followers.

4 Reasons I need to know God's dream for my life:

1st) God gives us the ABILITY to dream.

Gen. 1:26 (NIV) Then God said, "Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground."

- So that
- It had not happened yet
- God expects us to dream great dreams

2nd) Without a dream, I'm STUMBLING.

Prov. 29:18 (MSG) If people can't see what God is doing, they stumble all over themselves;

- I'm going to encourage the dream in you
- I'm going to rev up the dream in you
- I'm going to get your hopes up
- I'm going to teach you to follow Jesus and think differently
- Your dream will never become successful until it becomes an obsession

3rd) Everything STARTS with a dream.

- Imagination is more important than knowledge

Eph. 1:18 (LB) I pray that your hearts will be flooded with light so that you can see something of the future he has called you to share. I want you to realize that God has been made rich because we who are Christ's have been given to him!

- First think, second dream, third believe, finally dare

4th) A great dream INSPIRES others to dream great.

Prov. 11:27 (TEV) If your goals are good, you will be respected

Homework - Memorize - Rev. 3:8 "I have set before you an Open Door that no one can shut!"