

Small Group Vision Worksheet

The purpose of developing a vision/mission for your home group is twofold:

1. To provide easily understood, focused direction for what you want to accomplish in your group. It will help you set a course that others can follow.
2. To exclude or restrain what you are not trying to accomplish.

Where there is no vision the people cast off restraint... Proverbs 29:18

Characteristics of a good vision

- Concise/understandable statement of a preferred future outcome
- It is big enough to need God's involvement
- Important enough to be worthy of sacrifice (It calls others into their place of service.)
- Relevant enough to matter eternally
- Multifaceted enough to include everyone who wants to help
- Immediate enough to see regular progress. In other words, it can be broken down into measurable goals and objectives.
- It falls within the overall vision, priorities, and practices of Vineyard Christian Fellowship of Anaheim. (See six priorities and practices)

Develop your vision statement

If you can't write it down, you don't know where you are going. The following exercise/questions are designed to help you develop a vision statement for your home group. Please complete them prayerfully. They should be informed by your passions and gifts.

Answer the following questions as a way to connect to your own heart in the Lord.

1. When I think about being a participant with God in advancing His kingdom through leadership at Vineyard Anaheim, what activities/outcomes do I have passion for? (Answer this as if you could not fail.)

2. When I think of the six Vineyard priorities (worship, the Word, fellowship, ministry (equipping), outreach, and prayer), how do I see them applied in my home group?

3. Considering your responses from above, write out one sentence or phrase that captures the focus and goal of what you would want to accomplish with a group of people (vision statement).

Examples of vision statements:

Equipping saints to advance the kingdom

Coming to know God and making him known to others

Creating a family of God that gives birth to others

Worshiping God through intimacy and obedience

A community that supports being conformed to the image of Christ for the sake of others

4. Write out a mission statement that restates your vision in more detail. It might be helpful to use the following format. “We exist to(statement of purpose) through(activities that accomplish the purpose) Supported by the values”

Example of mission statement:

We exist to form a mutually accountable community that encourages the formation of the image of Christ within its members through understanding God’s word, intimacy in prayer, practicing the one another verses, doing the great commission, and which is supported by the values of mercy and hospitality.

5. What are your challenges and how will you overcome them?

Strategic plan development involves:

Define vision –mission

Identify your challenges

Develop plans to meet challenges

Evaluate progress regularly

-quality of results

-quality of participation

-quality of body life