

## How to Discover God's Vision for Your Life

### Vision vs. Purpose

Vision builds on purpose, but there are differences between the two:

- Purpose clarifies; vision motivates.
- Purpose is the reason you live; vision is the song your heart sings.
- Purpose gives meaning; vision prompts action.
- Purpose uses your own words to capture God's common purposes for all disciples; vision is specific and unique to you.
- Purpose anchors you; vision evokes awe and releases the imagination.
- Your motivating vision is a picture of God's preferred future. Pictures have power because of the way they focus us. The picture needs to be clear, and it must capture what God wants to create through you and be focused on the outcome rather than the process.

### Reflect on God's shaping work in your life

- The people and circumstances that have most shaped my life and ministry are...
- The qualities of character I most admire and desire for God to shape in my life are...
- People who know me well believe I am most used by God when I...
- As I reflect on my life, things I have done, experienced, or accomplished that were satisfying and energizing are...
- When I think about ministry in the future, the area of ministry I would love to focus on is...
- Though I have always dismissed the thought, at times I have really felt I should be doing...
- Ask others to answer the question, "What do you see in me?"
- Based on how God has shaped you, if you knew you could not fail, what would you do in your lifetime for God's glory?

Create a timeline of your life

- What are some of the common themes?
- What do they tell you about God's work in your life?
- What do they say about the future God has been shaping for you?

Articulating God's vision for your life

- Who is God shaping me to be?
- What does God want to accomplish through me?
- What is God's vision for my life?

Test your vision with these questions:

- Is it anticipated in my past?
- Can I visualize it?
- Is it clear?
- Is it focused on the outcome?
- Does it engage my passion?
- Do I need God's help to achieve it?

Resource: Faithward.org/ How to discover God's Vision for Your Life, by *Purposeful Living*, Date: *unknown*

<https://www.faithward.org/how-to-discover-gods-vision-for-your-life/>