

THE 5 THINGS: EOUIPPING YOU FOR MISSIONAL LIVING AFTER COLLEGE



I remember the excitement of my Senior year. I was busy enjoying my last semester on campus: hanging with friends, discipling my women, getting excited about my job and quite honestly, enjoying the "Senior Slide." I didn't really have a plan for after graduation... honestly, I didn't really think I needed to worry about it. I wish I would have known what I know now... I would have better prepared. The transition from school to "the real world" happens fast and is much harder then I expected. Suddenly you're thrown into a world of responsibilities, friends move away, and life as you've know it for the past 18 years changes. No more safety net of school... It's now a world of 9 to 5: it's different and it's hard. If I would have had better expectations and even a vision for what my life could look like, I would have been much better prepared to thrive after college.

~ U of MN 2007 Graduate

KNOW WHERE YOU'RE HEADED BEFORE YOU BEGIN

It is very difficult to get somewhere desired if you don't know where you're headed. Ever tried going somewhere you've never been without a map, GPS or a smart phone? Good luck. Having a clear vision of where you're headed is at the top of the list for the success of your journey.

The Bible is filled with journeys of individuals who trusted God for big things: God's promise to establish the nations through Abraham, Noah and the Ark, Joshua and the walls of Jericho, and David and Goliath are just a few. Maybe one of the most epic journeys in the Bible was that of Moses leading the Israelites out of Egypt. Moses trusted God for something that seemed near impossible for many reasons. Let's take a look at this journey.

Read Exodus 3: 1 - 12

- What is the Vision that God gives Moses?
- Is this an easy Vision... an easy task? Why can Moses trust God for it?
- Why will this clear Vision become so important for Moses and the Israelites?
- Discuss the difficulties that Moses and the Israelites are about to embark on. (Plagues, food, wandering for 40 years, etc)
- Time and again, the Israelites questioned leaving Egypt to the point that even
 Moses questioned God for bringing them out of Egypt. However, the clear Vision
 that God gave Moses is what kept them trusting and moving forward in the face of
 adversity.
- What is the Vision that God has given you for life after College?

Read: "It Happens Fast"

 What difficulties do you perceive encountering that will could make this transition difficult? How will a clear Vision help?

If you saw the strategic value of a layperson (teacher, accountant, etc) the exact same as that of a full-time missionary, how would this affect the vision you have for the workplace? How would this affect the way you prepare for life after college?

As followers of Christ, God has clearly called each one of us to live Missionally in the exact place He calls us. Having a clear Vision of God's call is at the top of the list for the success of your journey.

Action Steps:

Does the Vision of Every Student Sent excite you? How do you see yourself fitting into this Vision?

Write a Personal Development Plan for your first year out of college. A PDP helps you define actions steps for your Vision.

Next week we will discuss the importance of having a "Team"