



THE 5 THINGS: EQUIPPING YOU FOR MISSIONAL LIVING AFTER COLLEGE

TO EXECUTE, A GREAT VISION NEEDS A GREAT PLAN

If we do something without a plan, we often coin it a 'spur of the moment' idea. Sometimes, spur of the moment ideas are capped with a fun road trip or a crazy adventure. On the contrary, planned ideas come from daily activities or group meetings specific to reaching goals, etc. For example, if the vision is to have good smelling breath the plan is to brush your teeth regularly. Furthermore, if the vision is to reach your campus with the gospel, a team will have meetings to take steps in making that possible.

Discuss a time where you did something 'spur of the moment.'

Discuss a time when you created a plan to accomplish a goal.

What are some notable differences between a plan and a 'spur of the moment' idea?

Throughout the Bible we see stories that have radical vision, but also have steps that make the goal possible. Today, we are going to read about the famous story of Noah and God's plan to help Noah in surviving the worst flood in history.

Read: Genesis 6:9-22.

Reread: Genesis 6:9-10 Again

Describe Noah's characteristics.

What did God tell Noah to do and why?

Was the plan specific or general? Describe the plan.

From what you've read about Noah's experience and personal characteristics, how might having a plan and walking with the Lord help you transition into the marketplace?

Read: "I Felt Called to the Workplace"

What could be some reasons to why the plan was unsuccessful in this story?

How can creating a plan while walking in step with the Lord (similar to Noah), help you pursue the vision you have created for your workplace ministry?

Creating a plan is essential when pursuing a ministry in the workplace. Having goals and specific action steps will keep you moving forward in what God has called you to while walking with Christ in the workplace.



"I Felt Called to the Workplace"

After graduating from college, I immediately transitioned into the workplace. I felt called into the workplace, so I was excited to start the new adventure. Additionally, I had a vision for pursuing the great commission in the workplace, a group of individuals who would support me through the transition, and a plan of how to pursue others with the Gospel. The plan was to pursue others with Christ. I did not have an idea of what that looked like but I had a vision for it so I thought I was set. Fast forward a year later when I was working 60 hours per week, traveling the US 60-80% per month and too busy to even having lunch with a coworker, my plan was lost in being busy.

~ U of MN 2008 Graduate

Action Steps:

What are some specific action items you can create for your plan after college?

After making a list of action steps, be intentional about sharing these items with your team and making sure they align with your vision.

Next week we will discuss the value of "Ongoing Equipping"

