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Scott's Thoughts



Joel 2:28 (ESV)
“And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream

dreams, and your young men shall see visions.”

A great church must have great vision, but is it the kind of vision Joel speaks of in this passage? What do we mean when we speak of a church with vision? It can mean many things.

When the teachers of the small children get together and plan the lessons they will do for the next two, three or four years; these are a people with vision. They have decided they want the children to know certain things by the time they pass on to a higher level. They have the vision to do what is necessary to arrive at that point in the future. When a church plans for the spiritual growth of the congregation that is vision. Too many times we take what comes and then react to the situation, but vision says we will not simply react, but make things happen.

As a church we need to have vision. We need to know where we want to go and have a plan for getting there. Before we can have vision as a church we need to have vision as individuals. We need to stop, sit down, and think about ourselves. Where are we headed as

individual Christians? What plan do we have to make ourselves better in God's service? How are we going to grow to be more like God wants us to be this year?

It is much easier for us to look at someone else and see where they need to improve than it is to look at our self and honestly determine where we need to improve. Yet each of us needs to make this determination, and then begin to make the needed changes. Yes, each of us has room for improvement. It is much easier for me to write these things than to do them, yet God would have me do so because it will help me be a better servant, father, husband, minister, friend, and co-worker for Him.

Deciding how I am going to make the needed change, and working to make those changes is part of having vision. We need to have not just any vision but “Great Vision” because we are working for the God of heaven, the creator of the universe, and our vision should be great enough to please Him.

“Great vision” builds great churches
Thanks for listening and keep on shining.

—Scott