

2020, January 12 Study Guide – “2020 Vision II”

Key Scriptures: “Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. For by it the elders obtained a good testimony. By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible.” Hebrews 11:1-3

Genesis 13:14-17 “And the Lord said to Abram, after Lot had separated from him: ‘Lift your eyes now and look from the place where you are — northward, southward, eastward, and westward; 15 for all the land which you see I give to you and your descendants forever. 16 And I will make your descendants as the dust of the earth; so that if a man could number the dust of the earth, then your descendants also could be numbered. 17 Arise, walk in the land through its length and its width, for I give it to you.’”

Proverbs 29:18 “Where there is no vision, the people perish: but he that keepeth the law, happy is he.”

Habakkuk 2:2 “Then the Lord answered me and said: ‘Write the vision And make it plain on tablets, That he may run who reads it.’”

Start Talking:

Pastor Bobby said that Proverbs 29:18 (above) is not referring to physical eyesight. Are you more of a concrete thinker or an abstract thinker? Which kind of thinker has an easier time having faith to believe in a vision that is not yet seen? Discuss.

Pastor Bobby quoted John Maxwell, who said, “There’s a big difference between required action and inspired action.” Think of some times in your life when you were just “going through the motions” instead of moving with inspiration. Share.

Pastor Bobby said, “Quite often, vision requires a correction in our perception.” Have you ever underestimated something, and that

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underestimation caused you to lose out on what you could have had? What did you learn? Share.

Pastor Bobby asked, “How far can you see in your marriage, your business, your kids, etc?” Are you presently at a place in which you are ready to give up in one of these areas? What kind of miracle do you need? Share and pray.

Start Thinking:

Pastor Bobby said, “We must not only protect our vision. We must protect our peace” and “Peace comes from controlling what only you can control.” Have you ever had to end a relationship because there was no peace in it? Did you get immediate relief, or did you struggle with guilt? How do you judge what relationships must be ended?

Pastor Bobby said, “Peace is not taken; it’s given.” Are you letting someone steal your peace, when you could have a peace that rises above circumstances – even circumstances in intimate relationships? Without being rude, can you have peace around someone who is stealing your peace? Discuss.

Start Sharing:

Hebrews 11:1 reads, “Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.” Are you willing to believe in what cannot be known? On a scale from 1 to 10, how strong would you rate your faith? If you are willing, share why you gave yourself that score.

Pastor Bobby said, “Your vision ought to be scary” and “To protect the vision, we must refuse to listen to naysayers.” Share a time when had to be brave about something in which you believed, even though others told you it would never happen. Share.

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Pastor Bobby repeated, “We must guard the vision.” Share a time when you’ve had to hide your vision from someone who would be destructive to it.

Start Praying:

“Lord, enlighten our minds to have a vision for our present lives and our future. Show us what You would have us pursue. Give us a refreshing time to start a clear vision for each area of in lives.”

Start Doing

Pastor Bobby said, “If we can see it, God can be it.” Have you been guilty of limiting what God can do by the way you were thinking? Are you willing to believe in the God who can do anything He wants to do?

Pastor Bobby concluded by saying, “We must invite others in if our vision is going to win.” Discuss some challenges of including others in your vision.

God is a living God. Ask Him to reveal His vision for you, so that you can embrace it and believe in it, even though it cannot yet be seen.