



Series: ---	Date: <b>Nov. 13th, 2016</b>
Topic: <b>Vision Sunday: Make Room</b>	Speaker: <b>Pastor Joe Ong</b>

## WELCOME

This week we received an update on our Building Expansion Project (BEP). But beyond the physical building it is important to have a picture of how the building will be used for God's glory.

For the ice breaker this week, share your answers to the following question: What do you do to have fun?

## WORSHIP

Start the worship time by encouraging people to share praises for what God has done in their life this past week. Sing worship songs from the Sunday services or select your own.

## WORD

**I. Spiritual Objective.** At the end of the discussion, members will:

- A. Discuss what the vision Leeward is and how each of us fit in that vision.
- B. Talk about how we can be a multigenerational church.

**II. The Sermon Synopsis:**

This Sunday was vision Sunday and Pastor Joe shared with us a challenge to see the building as not just the physical building but to see the potential impact it could have. First, it is important that we build bridges that can withstand the weight of the Gospel. Relationships are important in the process of sharing the Gospel. Second, it is important that we remember our roots and renew our commitments. When Leeward was founded it was called a Community Church because the planting pastor had a vision to reach out to families in the Pearl City area. Finally, we must discover, or rediscover our passions. Vision is a "picture of the future that produces passion". Passion is what drives us to do the things that we do. We must discover ways to combine our passion with our faith. Leeward is and will continue to be a church of the Generations. This comes with benefits and difficulties, but we must remain steadfast in our roots.

## Demographics of Pearl City:

- Pearl City High School Students: 1,869
- PK-6<sup>th</sup> Grade Students: 3,433
- 20s-30s (Millennials): 12,197
- Seniors (60+): 13,001
- Active Duty Singles/Families: 2,685
- Veterans: 5,243
- Unwed Mothers: 1,104 (348 below the poverty line)
- Separated or Divorced: 2,911
- Widowed: 3,782
- Disabled: 5,153

## Religious Stats on Hawaii:

- Believe in God: Absolutely/Fairly Certain – 80%
- Religion is Very/Somewhat Important – 76%
- Attend Church Once a Week – 28%
- People who have attended few times or never attended Church in Pearl City – 34,039

## Discussion Questions

**III.** Pastor Joe issued a challenge that we must build bridges that can withstand the weight of the Gospel. He was referring to the relationships often required before the Gospel message can be shared in an impactful way. *What does his statement mean to you? What kinds of things can serve as a bridge? In what ways is the Gospel 'heavy'?*

**IV.** Pastor Joe also talked about renewing wedding vows and in a similar way, it is good occasionally for a church to reexamine its roots and renew its commitments. *What are our roots here at Leeward? Have we stuck to them or drifted?*

**V.** Vision is a picture of the future that produces passion. Everyone has a vision for different things. Whether it is where we want to be in our career in 10 years, or what our family will look like, vision is what



produces the passion that moves us in life. *What are your passions? How can your passions and your faith work together? Do you have a vision for what the church becomes or does?*

**VI.** Owen shared a bunch of different numbers related to the demographics of Pearl City (refer to previous page). These numbers can be helpful as they help tell a story about a very large community. *What stood out to you? Did any numbers surprise you? What's one demographic in Pearl City that resonated with your heart?*

**VII.** Pastor Joe closed the service by reminding us that we are a church of the generations. We do not only want to be a church for families; a church for young people; for seniors; but a multigenerational church. *What are the benefits and challenges of being multigenerational? To which generation do you belong? Which generation do you have a passion to serve?*

## WORK

- **Pray** and thank God for all that He has done in Leeward and for providing our church the resources to do ministry, impact the community, and share His Gospel. Pray that our vision will be clear as we move forward with the BEP and that He will guide our steps. Finally, pray that your and others passions will be ignited for His purpose; that we will serve Him wholeheartedly and make room for those He is calling into His Kingdom and His Church.
- **Service Opportunity:** If your HOME group is interested in serving the community in anyway this Thanksgiving and Christmas season and would like ideas or opportunities. Please contact Jon Ayin at the Church.
- **Pray for Our Building Expansion Project (BEP).**
  - ❖ Please continue to pray that the City will accept the number of parking stalls we need based on a non-concurrent actual use of our facilities instead of the potential capacity of our buildings that requires more stalls than we have available.

- ❖ Continue praying that Max will continue to move forward on the detailed drawings to complete 65% by the end of November, and building permit drawings by mid-December.
- ❖ The grading permit application has been submitted—please pray that it will be approved by the end of January 2017.
- ❖ Pray for our continuing “Rise Up & Build” Stewardship Campaign—that our new members and regular attenders also will participate, especially to match the matching gift of \$20,000 by the end of the month. (BTW, the gifts toward this can be donated by Dec. 31). Pray that we will raise the rest of the \$211,000 upfront gifts and receive the grants and loans we need for the rest of the BEP cost.
- ❖ Pray that we will create a workable transition plan for Sun. services, AWANA, adult Sun. school, our other weekly events and parking when grading starts.

## Announcements:

1. **Thanksgiving Holiday.** Thurs, 11/24. Take a moment to give thanks to the Lord for all the great things He has done, and celebrate this time of thanksgiving with family & friends.
2. **Christmas Decorations.** Sat, 11/26 at 9:00am. Encourage your HG to come out and help decorate our church for the Christmas holidays and more importantly our stage decorations for our AWANA Christmas program the following Sunday (see below).
3. **Star Trip: Our Faith Awakens.** Sunday, 12/4 at 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM Mark your calendars & Save the date for our AWANA Children's Christmas program. Invite friends and family to hear the Christmas story told in a unique way.