



### ***One Step at a Time: Taking the First Steps***

God has given each one of you a great vision for your life. He has called you to accomplish great things for His glory while you are on this earth. This purpose of this booklet is to build off of the previous booklet, entitled *Mission Discovery* where you learned more about discovering your calling. Upon discovering your calling God desires for you to then take action in pursuing this calling. This booklet will help you in that process by helping you take those next steps in living out the great vision God has for your life. The booklet is divided into three sections:

- **Step #1 – Understand Your Mission**
- **Step #2 – Eastablish Your Goals**
- **Step #3 – Trust God**

The three steps covered in this booklet will coincide with Craig Groeschel's book *Chazown* which you are encouraged to read at your own pace. Our prayer is you will find your calling and begin taking the next steps in living God's vision for your life. Let the mission begin!

### **1 Peter 4:10**

Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms.

# STEP #1

## Understand Your Mission

Each of us has been given a great vision by God for our lives and upon discovering that vision God has asked us to begin taking the next steps in pursuing that vision. The first step in this process is gain a little more clarity of that vision by writing down the vision for your life in your own words. The goal in this step is to think about your calling in a one-sentence statement that would sum up what you desire to pursue with your life and what you want it this pursuit to accomplish.

### *What is your Mission?*

This process may sound familiar to some people because we come to know it today as a Mission Statement. Your mission statement is a one-sentence version of the great passion of your life and it serves both as a reminder and motivation as to why you are living out this great calling. Try writing your own by finishing these statements.

### Discover Your Mission Statement

Finish the following statements and develop your mission statement.

- If money were no object then I would pursue...
- If I could live out my dream, I would...
- My great desire in life is to...
- I want to accomplish...with my life.

### My Mission Prayer

Dear Lord, help me understand with great clarity the calling of my life. Help me understand my purpose and what you want me to accomplish for your glory.

### *My Mission is:*

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# STEP #2

## Establish Your Goals

God has not just given you a great vision for your life but He also promises that He will equip you with everything that you need to carry out that vision for your life. God's great desire for your life is that you would live for His great purpose and sometimes that may seem a little overwhelming yet God promises that He will never leave us and He will help us every step of the way. He is not going to set us up for failure! We just have to remember that living out our great calling means that we have to take it one step at a time.

## *What are Your Goals?*

The next natural question after establishing in writing your mission statement is: How do I do this? The answer is one step at a time. If we want to accomplish a great goal for our life then we must begin by making short-distance goals that will move toward our long-distance goal.

### **Establishing My Goals**

God has asked us to pursue Him and His vision for our lives which means that we need a strategy. Every strategy begins with a mission statement and setting the goals that you want to achieve along with that mission. What are your mission-minded goals for 2009? If you don't know try answering these questions.

- What books am I going to read to help learn more about living out my vision?
- What tasks do I need to start performing on a daily basis to begin living out this vision?
- How much time will I spend in prayer and Bible reading?
- What are my next steps for 2009?

### **My Prayer of Purpose**

Dear Lord, help me understand that great purpose that you want me to live for on this earth. Move my heart and hands in that direction.

### ***My Goals Are:***

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_

## **STEP #3**

## **Trust God**

The final step in living out the great vision God has for your life begins with addressing the fears that you may face. You must understand that when God gives you a God-sized vision then it will make you feel uncomfortable because it is meant to take you out of your comfort-zone. It is meant for you to rely upon God and His strength and not your own. As we encounter the reality of God's vision for our lives, many times we may feel overwhelmed and have a moment where we are gripped by fear. We may say things such as: What if...I'm afraid to...Can I really...Am I strong enough to...

### **Learning to Trust God**

The biggest lesson that we need to learn as we pursue God's vision for our lives is that He will give us strength, courage, endurance, and peace as we choose to walk with Him. What are areas of your life that you need to hand over to God and just Trust Him and obey?

## My Prayer of Trust

Dear Lord, help me let go of my fear and trust you completely as I pursue your vision for my life.

## *I Need to Trust God's Will:*

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2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_

## GOING FORWARD

## Your Next Steps

Now that you have worked through this booklet and you have learned more about pursuing the next steps in living out God's vision for your life. What is next? How will you begin making these next steps a reality in your life? As we come to the end of this study, we want to challenge you to continue to go deeper and live out God's calling for your life!

In order to learn more about discerning your calling begin by making a plan to live this calling out in your life.

- Read Craig Groeschel's book *Chazown*
- Attend the *Chazown* study we offer on Wednesday nights
- Get involved in a small group or community gathering, or a ministry where you can use your calling for God's glory!

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