



Ready For A Miracle | Doug Wekenman | 11.30-12.1

Weekly Study

SHARE

Welcome to the final week of Kingdom Builders 2024! We began this series by exploring the topic of generosity and delving into questions like, "What can I give to build God's Kingdom, not my own?" and "Why does God want my money?" This series challenges us to live with open hands, trusting God with all that He has entrusted to us.

In Week 4, we hear from Pastor Doug on the subject of vision. He reminds us that God's plans and visions for both the church and our lives are not a product, but a process. Vision is both practical and biblical. To walk in the good plans God has for us, we must have vision, for where there is no vision, the people perish (*Proverbs 29:18*). As we begin this week, take a moment to reflect on what God is saying to you. Heed the plans He has for your life, walk in freedom, and prepare for the miracle He is preparing for you.

- As we near the end of 2024 discuss with the group how you will walk in God's vision for your life in 2025.**

GROW

Read Habakkuk 1:1-3

When we look ahead into the future, our natural response is often to overanalyze what might be. This leads to stress, anxiety, and worry. Habakkuk experienced the same struggle when what he saw didn't align with the picture he expected. As Christians, we have hundreds of promises from God that paint a picture of what our lives are meant to look like, including His plans to prosper us and give us a future filled with hope (*Jeremiah 29:11*). It's easy to become frustrated when our current reality doesn't match the picture of what we believe should be. However, God's plans are never handed to us in their entirety, so we must remain steadfast in cultivating the vision He has placed in our hearts.

- What are some ways you can move past the frustration of the process and truly step into trusting God's vision of your life?**

Pastor Doug reminds us that when we know who we are, we'll know what to do. Our true identity is found only in Christ, and it is when we walk in that identity that we are able to clearly see what God is saying and pursue the vision He has for us. Vision is the ability to see what God speaks. To truly hear from God, we must step into the lookout tower, engaging in worship and prayer, and attuning our hearts to His voice.

- Discuss your anxieties and worries of the future with the group and how standing in the lookout tower of worship and prayer can remove those.**
- How can you see what God is saying to you?**

MOVE

Read Joshua 6:1-5

When Joshua approached the city of Jericho, he saw how securely barred it was, with walls so tall that no one could go out or come in. Yet God said to him, *"See, I have given Jericho into your hand" (Joshua 1:2)*. To Joshua and the Israelites, the mission seemed impossible, because they saw only what was before them and not what God had promised. Our vision can sometimes be hindered when we view our future solely through the lens of our current circumstances. While the hundreds of promises God has for us are true, that doesn't necessarily mean we are walking in them.

That's the nature of vision: we can dream and paint a picture of the future, but if we don't actively pursue the vision we see, how can we expect to step into the good plans God has for us? The Israelites continued marching around the wall despite their circumstances because Joshua saw what God said. We, too, are called to press on in pursuing the vision for our lives, with faith, grit, and sacrifice. These are the three ingredients needed to witness the miracle God has for us. *Hebrews 11:1* says, *"Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see."* Faith requires action. We must work it out in order to grow, and it is also a gift from God.

- How does seeing what God is saying challenge you to take action in the vision of the Church and your own life?**

The more we pray for our faith to increase, the more we grow in it. It's easy to begin the process, but much harder to continue when the odds are stacked against us. That's when we need the grit to persevere, knowing that, in due time, we will reap a harvest (*Galatians 6:9*). Though the vision may delay, wait for it—it will surely come and not be late. I encourage all of us to be the Church that sacrifices our time, money, and possessions with a cheerful heart to build God's Kingdom. He gave us the pieces; now let's go out and put them together.

- What is holding you back from possessing the promises of God?**
- As we approach 2025, envision the miracle God has ready for the Church. Brainstorm ideas you may be able to partner with the Church to build God's Kingdom with generosity, time, and possessions.**

PRAY

As we conclude this Kingdom Builders series, take a moment to share any prayer requests and lift them up in unity. Let's pray that God will help us see what He is saying and empower us to take action with generosity, sacrifice, and faith, so that His vision for the Church may be fulfilled. Ask God to grant you wisdom and understanding, that you may continue in the calling He has placed on your life and find ways to build His Kingdom.