

## The Power of Vision I

*Vision 2020 Open Our Eyes*

Consider **2 Kings 6:15-17** and **John 3:3**

<sup>NKJ</sup> **John 3:3** Jesus answered and said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, **unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.**"

There is natural sight and there is spiritual sight.

Natural sight is called eyesight, spiritual sight is called vision.

Vision is a pictured goal.

Vision is your ability to romance the future in your now.

- Vision is a God given image of your preferred future.

### I

Vision is transferable and can be incorporated with the buy in. **Proverbs 29:18**

<sup>KJV</sup> **Proverbs 29:18** where *there is* no vision, the people perish: but he that kept the law, happy *is* he.

- Without vision people cast off restraints (NIV) and run wild (NLT).

Unless we are born again we cannot see the kingdom of God.

*Things of the kingdom are never experienced until you see further than your eyes can look.*

<sup>Amp</sup> John 3:3 Jesus answered him, I assure you, most solemnly I tell you, that unless a person is born again (**anew, from above**), he cannot ever see (**know, be acquainted with, and experience**) the kingdom of God.

- We must be born again to be acquainted with the kingdom of God.

### II

With a vision for the kingdom of God we move together.

A kingdom is a politically organized community or major territorial unit, having a monarchical form of government headed by a king or queen.

A kingdom is a realm or domain where a king is in charge.

- The kingdom of God is the new community.

Jesus envisioned a given geographical area – the whole earth – operating under an economic, political and religious system ruled by God.

- *The kingdom of God is the community as God imagines it.*

### III

Consider **Isaiah 61:1-3** and **Luke 4:18-19**

<sup>NKJ</sup> **Luke 4:18** "The Spirit of the LORD *is* upon Me, Because He has anointed Me To preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives And recovery of sight to the blind, To set at liberty those who are oppressed; <sup>19</sup> To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD."

The kingdom of God is regularly speaking to issues of:

- ⇒ Oppression and Liberation
- ⇒ Peace and Transformation
- ⇒ Commitment to the Poor

- *The kingdom of God is against oppression and for liberation.*
- *The kingdom of God is for community peace and transformation.*
- *The kingdom of God is committed to the poor and against poverty.*

Lord **open our eyes that we see the community as you imagined it.**

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