



WEEK TWO: VISION/CLARITY – Study Guide

By Dan Roseman
October 28, 2012

God has not called us to live an ordinary life where we pursue the same things as everyone else in the world. We are called to pursue Him with reckless abandon. So while most of us will still work a regular job, drive a regular car, and have a regular family—we get to do those things with intentionality toward His kingdom and live the “Boom” life. This week we’ll see how we can reorient our regular priorities so that they become ways that we work toward fulfilling God’s mission on earth.

Where Am I Today?

- 1) Many churches, companies and schools have a formal mission statement. From the beginning, The Cove Church’s mission statement has been the following, “At The Cove Church we will **introduce** our friends to Jesus, **learn** to follow Him, and **celebrate** His presence in our lives.” Do you have a personal mission statement? Or one for your family? If you wrote one, what do you think it would say?

Into the Bible

- 2) In **Matthew 6:16-18** Jesus talks about fasting. Notice that He didn’t say “if you fast,” he said “when you fast.” What is he implying? Who fasts? What is the difference between the fasting he recommends and fasting that’s selfish?

BOOM

WEEK TWO: VISION/CLARITY – STUDY GUIDE

- 3) In **Matthew 6:19-24**, Jesus contrasts our choice of treasure. In one sense, He gives no choice, we *will* treasure something. In another sense, He *does* give a choice. We choose whether to work for and acquire eternal treasure, or temporary treasures that can only be enjoyed for a season. How can we work for eternal treasures? What (or Who) is the ultimate treasure? How does knowing that change our vision?

- 4) Compare **Matthew 6:22-24** to **Titus 1:15-16**. How do these passages relate to money? We all need money to live, so how does the way that you relate to and use money exhibit your character and heart?

- 5) Many people believe that Jesus stated his personal mission statement in **Luke 19:10**. Jesus was talking about Zacchaeus, who had just put his faith in Him. Zacchaeus showed his new faith by becoming radically generous. Read **Luke 19:1-10** and think about what it means to “seek and save what was lost.” If that was Jesus’ mission statement, and you are one of His followers, how can that inform your life’s mission? Who do you believe God is calling you to seek (be specific)?

How Does This Apply?

- 6) Practically speaking, what does it look like to “serve money?” By contrast, what can it look like to work a job where you are paid, but you serve God—not the money?

BOOM

WEEK TWO: VISION/CLARITY – STUDY GUIDE

- 7) In light of these new attitudes about money, treasure, and even fasting, how can you reorient your everyday life to be on God's mission?

Digging Deeper: Going Further on Your Own

- 8) *Missio Dei* is a Latin phrase used by many theologians and church leaders. In fact, there are some churches called "Missio Dei Church." It can either mean "mission of God" or "sending of God." It's grounded in the belief that all Jesus followers are called to be on mission, and that calling is based on the nature and character of God. In **John 20:21b** Jesus said, "As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." According to this theological concept, Jesus was the first missionary. He adopted the customs of a people, spoke their language, celebrated their holidays, and literally gave His life to save them (and us). God the Father sent Him as a missionary to seek and save the lost (see question #5).

Since God is a sender by nature, and Jesus is God in the flesh, Jesus (the sent One) now sends us on the same mission. Some Jesus followers live their lives in the foreign mission field. The rest of us are called to live like missionaries in our communities. Jesus did not, however, send us on that mission alone. He also said that He and God the Father together have sent the Holy Spirit as our Teacher and Counselor who makes much of Jesus through us (**John 14:26, 15:26, 16:7**). Jesus followers are sent on a mission to seek and save the lost just like God the Father sent Jesus to do the same. We are called to do this with the Holy Spirit, who gives us the power to do it. How does viewing mission as part of God's nature change your view of your life? While we are sent to seek and save the lost, who is the mission *for*?

Matthew 10:40

Luke 4:18

Luke 10:1-3

John 5:22-24

John 6:29

Matthew 28:18-20

Luke 4:43

John 4:34

John 5:30, 36-38

John 7:18