

Finding God's Vision For Our Lives

Series: Following Jesus:
The Kingdom Of God

Matthew 10:1-16

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John 9:39 NLT

I. The birth of vision

a. Vision began ultimately in the heart and mind of God

Romans 4:17; John 20:21

b. God gives vision to all who will receive

Matthew 10:1a; Psalm 25:9

c. God gives specific vision both individually and corporately

II. The obstacles to living a life guided by God-given vision

a. The very concept of vision can be missed entirely

Matthew 13:10-15

b. Vision can be resisted or ignored

Matthew 16:21-23

c. Vision can be misunderstood, confused or lost

III. Three necessary steps to finding God's vision for your life

a. Acknowledge his authority over your life (v.1)

Matthew 10:1

b. Recognize that God's vision for your life will require sharp focus (v. 5-8)

Matthew 10:5-8

c. Learn to trust in his freedom (v. 9-16)

Matthew 10:9-12

Thomas Merton [Coming to] know and love God as He is in Himself, apprehending Him in a deep and vital experience which is beyond the reach of any natural understanding, is the reason for our creation by God. ... It is our proper element because it is the fulfillment of deep capacities in us that God has willed should never be fulfilled in any other way.