

Leading the Vision

It's important to reiterate the vision every week. The power of hearing God's vision for his Church is significant. The best expression of vision is found in Acts 2:42-47. Here are two ways to do it:

- If your group has children: The kids go to the front of the room and do hand motions as an adult or older kid reads the vision. These are simple motions you can make up and are super fun things the kids will look forward to doing. Important: The adults have to stand up and do the hand motions too!
- If your group doesn't have children: Have someone read Acts 2:42-47 and then in their own words <u>briefly</u> encourage the group to fulfill this vision.

Here some other passages which describe the vision of the Church:

Matthew 28:18-20Ephesians 1:11-12Mark 1:17Ephesians 2:19-22John 17:22-23Ephesians 3:10-11Acts 1:8Ephesians 4:11-161 Corinthians 12:27Colossians 3:13-161 Corinthians 14:26-27Hebrews 10:22-25

Life Drain Alert

Rambling on about the Vision drains life. The person sharing the Vision must be concise, sharing for about one minute. Otherwise, no one else will think they could ever articulate the Vision. We want to stay away from expositional "teacher mode."



Leading the Announcements

Announcements connect people with the bigger picture of our mission and the rest of CrossBridge. People want to know they're part of something bigger than themselves.

- Connect: Ask someone who may have a connection or experience with that announcement to speak about it and spur others on to participate in that event or opportunity. For example, a woman who attended Women's Retreat the year before can share her experience.
- Equip: We view all our events as contexts to envision and equip group members in the Core experiences. View them as opportunities to go together as a group and then debrief afterward as a Lifegroup family to deepen your spiritual growth together.
- Send: As group members feel called to go on mission, it is important they feel the support of your group. Plan to pray over them as a group before they leave, have them share prayer needs during the trip, and give them time to share what God did when they return.

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By not sharing Announcements, people feel isolated, only knowing the people in their group.