



VISION WORK - Talking, Growing Openly . . .
about our Relationship With God:
A GREAT OPPORTUNITY within our Vision Groups in October

At our September Church Council meeting, we did what we have been doing for several months – talking openly about our relationship with God . . . with regard to the Vision Statement of our church. So, what was said? Remarks included:

- I was at a large family celebration, and we forgot to say a dinner prayer. I thought about it, but backed away from offering a prayer.
- My wife and I are praying with each other for the first time. It is real special.
- There are over 60 persons signed up for the Walk-Run. Obviously, someone has been inviting others to come!
- In the past month, I had two really great prayers, when I really felt I was praying with God, not just at God.
- After attending the Sunday summer class on “Biblical Characters,” I decided to read one chapter of Nehemiah a day. I don’t do it every day, but it is helpful and interesting.

Each council meeting we are doing this – taking 10 or so minutes to “check in,” to see how we are doing at praying / learning / serving daily and bringing others. The unique thing is that we are talking and listening, and learning new ways of growing with this. The goal is for us to grow in these practices, but it is Ok to move slowly, to get suggestions from others, to be unsure as we move forward. It takes time, changes in our life patterns. But it’s Ok to struggle with it. Great things are in store.

Growing with God in new patterns is like learning to walk, or to work a computer. There is mystery at times, even confusion. We fall sometimes. But that is Ok.

Our “VISION GROUPS” (See the article elsewhere in the LION) are an excellent vehicle to grow with others as we learn to walk . . . with this goal of praying, learning, serving, and bringing others. There are 12 groups! Find one that works for your schedule. These groups are an excellent opportunity to learn more about how to do this wonderful journey, this vision work with God. Don’t miss out! Sign up and join in.

OCTOBER LESSONS

“Use Me – Instrument of God’s Peace”

Sun. Oct. 4 Genesis 27:1-10; Ephesians 4:32 – 5:2; Luke 7:11-17

Sun. Oct. 11 Isaiah 61:1-6; Psalm 85:11-13; Luke 6:32-36

Sun. Oct. 18 Micah 4:1-5; Psalm 46; Luke 10:25-37

Sun. Oct. 25 Ephesians 2:13-18; Prayer of St. Francis; Mark 10:46-52
(Commitment & Reformation Sunday)