

God's Plan for Your Life

Topic: Vision Part Two

Purpose of this study: To cast vision and hope into your students lives through trying to help them understand God's plans for their lives both here and in eternity.

Motivation for teaching this study:

It is often been said and proven that knowing one person who loves you and believes in you can make the difference between life or death. How much more difference then will it make knowing that the God of the universe has incredible plans for you in this life and even more in the next life. If God Himself is rooting for you, then what do you have to fear? In God's eyes, your students are extremely significant people and have the potential to be greatly used of God to further His kingdom here on earth. This study is designed to motivate your students to continue to walk with God for a lifetime, even when you are not there to be and guide them.

Introducing the Lesson:

Ask them: Have you ever wondered what God's plans for your life include? Maybe not understanding all the detailed brush strokes of His plan, but being able to see the big picture and the big purposes of your life? You might be surprised to learn of all the phenomenal ways God wants to use in this life and what He promises you in the next life. Today we want to talk about vision, God's vision of how He wants to use us.

Teaching the Lesson:

God's plans for you in this life

While God does give us a detailed road map for our lives, he does tell us the final destination and the potential we have for leaving our mark. When you look at these first four points together, you see that God's plan for us in this life are positive, influential, purposeful, and fulfilling. Be sure to both internalize these truths and communicate your excitement about them to your students.

Realizing your potential – this section illustrates spiritual multiplication at work. No one truly understands their spiritual potential, but this little illustration gives you an idea on how God could multiply your investment into another person into many, many lives.

All four of these intentions of God are true throughout our lives and we will continue to fulfill them in greater and greater degrees as we mature in Christ.

His plans for you, for eternity

These are simply amazing promises dealing with where we will live, what we will do, what we will possess, and what we will look like. This should lead you and your students to get pretty excited about what God has in store for us.

What do you need to do to fit in with His plans?

Prov. 3:5-6 ask us to trust in God and not lean on our own understanding and then and only then will God make our way straight.

2 Cor. 5:10 is conditional in that the degree of God's future blessing on us (points 2-3 above) depends on our doing good deeds as believers here on earth.

2 Tim. 2:20-21 promises that if we cleanse ourselves from the pitfalls mentioned early in the chapter, we make ourselves more usable to God. God will use us but how He uses us is up to us.

Closing the Lesson:

Do everything within your means to help your students catch at least a little glimpse of how God wants to use them (God's vision for their lives). Hopefully this will motivate them to go beyond what you covered and become lifelong disciples.

Evaluation:

1. Do you student understand that it is within the plan of God to use them in a significant way to further His kingdom?
2. Do they understand that some of God's promises are "conditional" while some are unconditional?
3. Ask them: When you think of God looks at you, do you see yourself as just another face in the crowd, or do you see yourself with Him one on one, friend to friend?
4. Ask them: If everything went perfect you in this life, how much of an impact do you think you might be able to have on the world for Christ?
5. On a scale of one to ten, how motivated are you to carry on your spiritual development?

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