



Small Group Discussion Guide

Proverbs 29:18

Open your group with a time of sharing and prayer. Ask God to use your study to better understand His will for the lives of people. When you ask expect God to answer.

- I. As we look at vision there are many ideas that may come to your mind. In the last thirty years a lot has been said about vision in regards to business, organizations and even for personal vision. The question is always, what does God say about vision?
 - a. What verses or bible stories come to mind when you consider vision?
 - b. Consider Abraham ([Gen. 12](#)), Moses ([Exodus 5:22](#)), [Nehemiah 1](#), Solomon ([1 Kings 3:10-15](#)), Mary the mother of Jesus ([Luke 1:34-38](#)), Simeon ([Luke 2:25](#)), Jesus, the apostles and anyone... ([John 14:1-21](#)).
- II. Do you see vision as something given only at special times?
 - a. Are these special times?
 - b. What constitutes special in God's sight?
 - c. Is our church special?
 - d. Is your small group special?
 - e. Are you and your family special?
- III. By comparing the wording of Prov. 29:18 from different version do you see anything different? What is more or less clear?
 - a. *Where there is no revelation, people cast off restraint; but blessed is the one who heeds wisdom's instruction (Prov. 29:18 NIV).*
 - b. *When people do not accept divine guidance, they run wild. But whoever obeys the law is joyful (Prov. 29:18 NLT)*
 - c. *Where there is no prophetic vision the people cast off restraint, but blessed is he who keeps the law. (Prov. 29:18 English Standard Version)*
 - d. *Where there is no vision, the people are unrestrained, But happy is he who keeps the law (Prov. 29:18 NASV).*
 - e. *Where there is no vision, the people perish: but he that keepeth the law, happy is he (Prov. 29:18 KJV).*
 - f. *When prophecy shall fail, the people shall be scattered abroad: but he that keepeth the law is blessed (Prov. 29:18 Doubt-Rheims Bible).*

Just Thinking: When looking at the nation during this political year, do different parties have vision for the country? What about God, does He have a vision for the country? Does God have a vision for Branch County? For Bethel Gilead? For you? Who is the creator of vision? Who is responsible to create vision or is vision to be discovered? *Close your group by praying for our church. Ask God to develop Bethel Gilead into a "church with a vision" Ask Him to show us how to corporately devote ourselves to vision.*

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