

What's your dream?

Leaders' Guide

Twelve years ago, the people of Granger Community Church laid out a vision for our future together. That vision has largely been fulfilled! Now we are asking the entire congregation to help define the dream for our next ten years.

Why: Each of us at Granger Community Church is part of something bigger than ourselves.

- 1) *Every individual is a subplot in the story God is writing through **our church**.*
- 2) *In turn, our church becomes part of the story God is writing through **each person**.*

We want to help each person unpack and discover their thoughts and dreams about the future of our church. As we seek God and share our dreams together, we believe we will discover the vision God has for us.

How: You are a leader and influencer. We're asking you to invite and collect dreams from the people you're serving, leading and doing life with.

- 1) **DISCOVER** | Brainstorm, dream and capture feedback. Some starter questions:
 - Dream about the type of church you would want for your family and your friends ten years from now...what would that look like?
 - What vision could a church have that would be worth you giving your life to for the next ten years?
 - How could a thriving local church help you achieve the dreams you have for your kids? Your career? Your marriage?
 - What might be some of the outcomes if Granger Community Church fulfilled your dream in 10 years?
- 2) **CAPTURE** | There are no limits. From stories to stats to local to global, people express and articulate their dreams differently.
 - Avoid the desire to debate, analyze or redirect comments. There are no right or wrong answers.
 - Your job is to pull and capture ideas, not to build consensus.
 - Be ready to deflect negativity (i.e. "Our church has never been good at..."). Subtle comments like, "Let's keep this focused on the future" will help.
- 3) **BE YOURSELF** | Honesty and frank conversation pulls people forward. Shake off the "fluff" and get to the authentic core of daily, cliché-free living. The conversation won't play out the same for everyone, but here are some examples of how you might get people talking:
 - At your next team meeting, take 30 minutes to "whiteboard" everyone's thoughts.
 - Meet your team before, between or after a service or event where they are serving.
 - Gather your friends around a meal or schedule a team meeting.
 - Have a conversation with your small group in your living room.
 - Send an email invite with link to video from Mark Beeson. (10 minutes)
- 4) **TURN IT IN** | The feedback only helps us if we get it. Be sure to record the dreams and turn them in so we can have ideas from the entire church!

Collect your dreams by April 30.

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