

A Super Sized Re-Vision

1 Kings 18:38-46

A Super-sized Re-vision...

1. Looks **forward** again.

“Go and look toward the sea,” he told his servant. And he went up and looked. “There is nothing there,” he said. Seven times Elijah said, “Go back.” —1 Kings 18:43

Forward—

“To be able to look backward and say, ‘This, this has been the finest year of my life’—that is glorious! But anticipation! To be able to look ahead and say, ‘The present year can and shall be better!’—that is more glorious” (*Letters by a Modern Mystic*, by Frank C. Laubach, 1).

Again—

- A. Plan for intimate fellowship with God’s creation in the Garden.
- B. Plan for a Savior—the woman’s seed will strike the serpent’s head.
- C. Plan to begin again with Noah and ark.

The Church is a Rescue Ship!

The Church NOT a Cruise Ship!

On a Cruise Ship, people expect to be served

On a Rescue Ship people expect to serve

On a Cruise Ship the staff takes care of the passengers.

On a Rescue Ship those on board take care of one another

On a Cruise Ship gratification comes from comfort and the beautiful scenery.

On a Rescue Ship gratification comes from participating in the mission.

On a Cruise Ship relationships are superficial.

On a Rescue Ship relationships are close-knit and meaningful.

On a Cruise Ship not much is expected of the passengers.

On a Rescue Ship every person matters and participates in the mission.

On a Cruise Ship the energy is put into those who are “on board”

On a Rescue Ship the energy is put into those who are “out there”

On a Cruise Ship the captain responds to the people’s request.

On a Rescue Ship the people respond to the Captain’s direction.

On a Cruise Ship you hear “I like this” or “I don’t like that”.

On a Rescue Ship you hear “How can I help?”

On a Cruise Ship the thrill comes from the food and service.

On a Rescue Ship the thrill comes from accomplishing the mission!

(Adapted from Paul Kaak in *New Directions for Small Group Ministry*).

- D. Plan to bless all people through Abraham’s descendents.
- E. Plan to deliver Israel from bondage in Egypt and bring to the Promised Land.
- F. Plan to bring the captives back from Babylonian exile.
- G. Plan to send God’s Son as Savior and Messiah.
- H. Plan to bring the Gentiles to faith in Jesus Christ, making one people of God.

Time to re-vision at Oakland.

April 16-17, Friday and Saturday.

Master Ministry and Conceptual Design Planning.

Felty-Heinlen, Architectural firm from Mansfield, OH.

10 or more different ministry focus groups:

All aspects of Worship,	Administrative offices,
CE—pre-school, Children	CE—Youth, Adults
Library/Bookstore	Cafe/food court,
Fellowship hall/Kitchen	Athletics
Preschool/daycare	Other Church ministries

Re-vision looking into:

Current ministry needs	Projected needs
Current attendance	Storage needs
Lighting	Floor coverings

Re-vision with heart, soul, mind, and strength. (Nehemiah 1:4)

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2. Commits to a common plan.

“When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.” —Acts 2:1

“This proposal pleased the whole group.” —Acts 6:5

Conceptual design answers... What we can do in the future.
What can be done in each step or phase.
What could we start now.

Conceptual design is... Not from me.
Not from Felty-Heinlen,
From the Lord through each of us.

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3. Builds the Kingdom.

Then Jeshua son of Jozadak and his fellow priests and Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel and his associates began to build the altar of the God of Israel to sacrifice burnt offerings on it. —Ezra 3:2

“Everybody can be great... because anybody can serve... You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love.” —Martin Luther King, Jr.