

Capturing and Communicating your Vision:

Communicating your vision with students and potential volunteers, pastors and church partners, and other staff and ministry leaders is a central part of the role of Catalytic staff, volunteers, and students.

What is vision?

[vizh-uh n] –noun (Oxford Dictionary)

1. The act or power of sensing with the eyes; sight.
2. the act or power of anticipating that which will or may come to be: prophetic vision; the vision of an entrepreneur.
3. an experience in which a personage, thing, or event appears vividly or credibly to the mind, although not actually present, often under the influence of a divine or other agency: a heavenly messenger appearing in a vision.
4. In our context, vision is defined as: ***students and staff, “seeing” their local context, both the challenges and the opportunities in light of who God is and what He has promised to do in the world.***



Why is vision so important?

Examples from Scripture:

1. Twelve Spies and Joshua and Caleb (Numbers 13:25-31)
2. Israel facing the Philistines: David and Goliath (I Samuel 17)
3. Elisha and his servant (II Kings 6: 11-19)
4. Parable of the Talents (Matthew 25:14-28)

When vision is imparted believers go from knowing what God has promised to do in the world generally to having a faith expectation of what God has promised to do specifically in their world, in their lives, and in their local context. As we share our vision, we discover those in whose heart God is already working to be a part of launching and growing new movements.

Sharing our vision is essential because this is also one of the primary ways we will discover potential volunteers and partners for new movements.

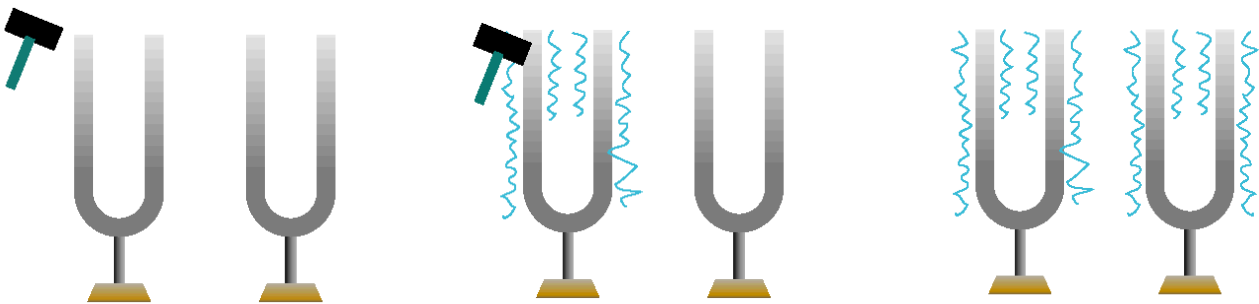
With non-Christians we will discover those God has prepared by sharing the gospel and our vision. By sharing the vision God is giving you with other believers and potential volunteers, you are able to discover those whose hearts God has prepared, as well as inspire others to see their university, city, and world from God's vantage point.

Ultimately we are looking for those in whose hearts we find a **resonance**: a same sense of calling, burden, and vision. As we share what God has put in our hearts and the promises He has revealed, then we can discover others who will either embrace or already share the same vision.

A great example of resonance is the tuning fork. A tuning fork is a two pronged steel instrument used in tuning other musical instruments and in producing a clear, perfect musical note or tone. As a tuning fork is struck, it begins to vibrate and produces the clear perfect pitch.

While the clarity of the note and the sound is beautiful, the amazing thing is that you can "tune" other instruments to that tone. But there is more "magic" that happens when you use a tuning fork. If you strike a tuning fork, then hold another one near it that is tuned to the same frequency, the second tuning fork begins resonating, vibrating and producing the exact same tune.

We are looking for others who have this same resonance with the vision and promises God has given us to launch spiritual movements.



Vision is a Faith Response:

Our objective is for ministry and all activities to become our faith response to God and what He has promised to do. When our vision is full of God and His character and promises, then what we do to fulfill or see the vision become reality is filled with faith in God and His promises and expectancy. Our ministry activities become an expression of our oneness and fellowship with Him as He builds His kingdom in and through us!

As with everything in the spiritual life, movements are built by faith which has its foundation in God's promises. Not generic general truths and promises, but specific God inspired promises, grounded in His truth, leading to hope and convictions of things yet to be seen.

Our desire is for every student, volunteer and staff to not only have a clear vision grounded in what they believe about God and His promises, but that they could articulate and share their vision with others.

When students own this kind of vision from their heart, they become lifetime laborers!

How to capture and communicate your vision?

The following steps are designed to help you capture and communicate the vision God is giving you to the different audiences you will be relating to in Catalytic. (Need paper, and colored pens or crayons)

- 1) **Based on His promises to exalt His name among the nations and in new universities, draw a visual representation of your vision for your nation, region or city, depending on your scope. Keep the promises in mind that you feel God is giving you for your nation. (for an example click [this link](#))**
- 2) ***Write out a clear and compelling vision you could share with others. Be sure and include at least one of the scriptural promises that especially spoke to you. In your vision you want to explain how those promises express God's heart for your scope. (city, region or nation)***
- 3) ***How will you communicate to different audiences?***
 - a. ***Pastors/Christian leaders***
 - b. ***Students and potential volunteers***
 - c. ***Other CCC staff and leaders***
- 4) ***Identify 3-5 people with whom share your vision in the next week. After your share with them get their feedback.***

If you haven't done so already, begin by spending extended time with God and His word. Take time to hear from the Lord and develop a solid Biblical foundation for your vision in a way you can clearly articulate. (This was covered earlier in the 2 articles: "Discovering promises and Principles for New Movements" and "What Has God Promised to Do?")