


## “The Vision”





Remember: The goal of small group is 100% participation . . . to hear from everyone. Choose the questions you think your group will respond to, but center them around the Bible by using the questions marked with “  ”




### Open It:

- Who is the most generous person you have ever known?
- What’s the busiest or most “God-sized” vision or dream you’ve ever been a part of?

### Read It:

-  Luke 12:48
-  Luke 8:1-3
-  John 20:17-18
-  Matthew 7:7-8

### Explore It:

- In what ways have the BPF mission and identity statements led us to the Up & Out campaign? **Reminders:**
  - Identity: A church for our neighbors, the nations, and the next generation.
  - Mission: Guiding people to discover, develop, and deploy faith in Jesus.
  - Up and Out Campaign emphasizes 2 components: ministry/service to our neighbors, and sacrificial generosity which will provide more opportunities to reach our neighbors and the next generation.
- BPF has been “entrusted with much.” How has BPF used its’ resources and provided you opportunities to discover, develop, and deploy your faith? **Resources include:** our people and practices, a history of fruitful ministry, disciplined financial choices.
-  Luke 12:48 says, “From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded.” How should this verse shape our perspective on the responsibilities of our BPF church community? **Much will be required of us. This year, the BPF theme**

has been about “whole life stewardship.” We must be careful how we use all that God has given us. (as individuals and as a whole church)

- When you think about what God has entrusted to you personally, what comes to mind? [God has entrusted us all with time, talents, and treasures.](#)
  - Are you being responsible with your use of them? In what ways can you make steps toward Jesus?
- 📖 In Luke 8:1-3, Mary Magdalene has joined Jesus and supported His work as He proclaims the good news of the kingdom of God. How does her example set the purpose and mission of the church? [We have the same calling – to support Jesus’ work “out of our own means” and proclaim His name everywhere we go.](#)
  - How does the phrase, “out of their own means” in this passage give us freedom. [There’s not a specified amount we should give to support Jesus’ work. Each of us should be moved by Jesus’ overwhelming blessings, to give both joyfully and sacrificially toward His purposes. \(2 Corinthians 9:6-7\)](#)
- How does Jesus’ inclusion of unexpected people (women, outcasts, tax collectors) challenge the way you think about your role in Jesus’ ministry today?
  - How could you partner with Jesus and serve or support the ministries of BPF?
- 📖 When we consider Mary’s life before Jesus (Luke 8:2) and the transformation she experienced in Christ, what role do you think joy and gratitude played in motivating her to serve and give? [Mary recognized Jesus’ unconditional generosity. Her gratitude and joy was expressed in her imperfect, but constant commitment as she relinquished her entire life serving Him and pursuing His purposes.](#)
  - What has God done in your life that stirs gratitude and joy in you? How have you responded to Him for those blessings?
- The message emphasized that UP&OUT is bigger than a building. What excites you most about the ministry opportunities connected to this vision?
- Why do you think generosity is so closely connected to discipleship? [In discipleship, we recognize how God has given graciously to us, so our own generosity flows](#)

naturally out of that. In discipleship we seek to become like Jesus, the ultimate generous giver who sacrificed His very life for our ultimate good.

- This campaign is a “God-Sized” vision. What might we risk when we ‘ask small’ instead of asking God for big things? Putting limits on God, might stem from a lack of faith. “Asking small” risks the blessing that He might want to give. We could forfeit God’s best for something that is OK or even nothing at all. If a vision is from God, it probably won’t seem possible to accomplish in our own strength. God wants us to step into spaces where we are forced to trust Him – spaces where He can reveal Himself, His power, and His sovereignty.



What would it look like for our whole church to live out Matthew 7:7-8 during this vision campaign? We are providing “prayer guides” for everyone in the church. (Pick one up at the church office or on Sunday mornings.) When we pray, our hearts are aligned with God, and we allow His voice to influence and move us.

- Will you commit to praying through the prayer guide for these 8 weeks? Encourage participation. Talk through ideas of how you can hold each other accountable and find ways to discuss the prayer prompts together. By developing the Rhythm of Prayer, you are able to do more discipleship for your group than what can happen on your meeting night alone.
- What’s one way you’ve seen God work powerfully when His people prayed together? Look for personal stories of how God has answered prayer.
- How could this campaign strengthen not only our church but also our wider community? The goal of the entire campaign is to serve our community in more and better ways. Space for counseling, for discipleship, and for more next generation ministries will reach beyond our walls as the BPF campus becomes more ingrained in our community.

## Do It:

- Out of the joy and gratitude you have for what Jesus has done for you, what will you do this week to serve or support someone else?
- What is one specific way you can step “UP in love” by serving this week?

- Where might God be calling you to step “OUT in faith” right now?
- What resource (time, talent, or treasure) could you use “out of your own means” to support God’s work?
- How can you help ensure UP&OUT is not just about a building, but about becoming a church more for our neighbors, nations, and the next generation?
- What commitment will you make about prayer for this vision campaign?