

Navigator Beliefs and Objectives

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I. Introduction.

- A. The Navigator work is evangelizing and making disciples.
- B. The basic unit of the Navigator is the man and two or three other men with him.
- C. A man of vision sees more than others see and more clearly than others see.

II. Five things to clarify vision.

A. We need an ever increasing vision of God in or through Christ - to know God. (Genesis 26)

- 1. Many are simply not tuned into what God is doing.
- 2. Glimpsing the majesty of the Lord causes us to repel because we are sinful. (Isaiah 6, Revelation)
- 3. One of the great signs of a vision of God is his holiness and our unholiness.
- 4. We also understand his mercy through a vision of Him.

B. We need a vision of the whole world and its need.

- 1. Very few are identified with Christ.
- 2. You see in the world what you are looking for.
- 3. Christ saw the helpless and hurting without a shepherd.

C. We need a vision of the significance of every individual.

- 1. Deep down every human being knows that there must be some significance to life.
- 2. Everyone is valuable to God because of who he is and what God did for him.
 - a. Every single person is valuable to God by merit of creation. You are of more value than many flocks of sparrows, all whom God notices. (Genesis 1:27, Luke 12:7)
 - b. Every person is valuable to God by merit of redemption. The price that was paid for our sins was the best that heaven had - God's Son.
 - c. Every person is valuable to God by merit of sanctification. We are created to have the image of God formed in us. (2 Corinthians 3:18)
- 3. There is great possibility for everyone as a channel of divine blessing. (Acts 10)

- a. God does not need men's ideas.
- b. God is looking for men after His own heart to carry out His ideas.

4. The test of this is whether a person can point one out of the crowd.

D. We need a vision of the authority of the Bible.

1. The Bible has been attacked ever since the beginning. The Devil cleverly twisted the Word of God. (Genesis 3)

2. All throughout history people have been attempting to undercut the Bible and those who have preserved it.

3. The debate over the authority of the Scriptures.

- a. Evangelicals claim the Scriptures are the final authority.

- b. The Traditional camp says that Scripture is authoritative but needs the church to interpret it.

- c. The Subjectivists say that man is the final authority.

4. The Navigators hold to the Evangelical position that says human reason is to be submitted to the Bible.

E. We need a vision of what it means to serve one another.

Application questions

1. What are the five areas of vision a person needs? Which one stands out to you ? Why?

2. Why is vision important?

3. What area of vision will you develop this week? How will you go about this?
