

The '90s Want Their 10-Year Visions Back

Episode 379

The '90s Called (Part 2)

The '90s called again, and they want their 10-year visions back. In Part 2 of our series, Amy and Sean explore how churches can move beyond outdated vision-setting approaches to create more focused, time-bound visions that actually drive change.

In this episode, we discuss:

- Why the 10-year vision approach from the '90s no longer works in today's fast-changing world
- How to start with identifying the core problem in your mission field before crafting a vision
- What makes a vision effective for the modern church (hint: it's specific and time-bound)
- Practical examples of bold moves from real churches

Plus, we'll share key questions every church should ask when developing their vision and explain why getting crystal clear on the problem you're trying to solve is essential for rallying your entire church body around a common purpose.

Key Quotes

1. AMY: "Churches often jump straight into crafting a vision without really identifying the core problem or problems that they're trying to solve in their community."
2. SEAN: "Often, a big vision statement means that it's overwhelming and not very agile."
3. AMY: "The key is to start with a group of leaders on your team and then start with a problem. Don't start with a solution."
4. AMY: "When the vision outlines a clear, practical and inspiring picture of the future, then the team is set up to be united, aligned and more effective."
5. AMY: "A strong vision rallies people. It rallies their time, their prayer and their giving."

Self-Assessment: How Are We Doing?

1. Thinking about the community demographics we pulled last week, what are some problems the community is facing?
2. Looking at our current ministry, where are we seeing fruit? Where do we feel stuck?
3. As a leadership team, what problems do we see in these areas that our church could solve? Things to consider as we decide:
 - a. What will be different about our community in three to four years?
 - b. What will be different about our church in three or four years?
 - c. What might God do through our church if we believed he could?

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