

# Designing a Vision-Minded Funding Plan

## Episode 391

Feeling uneasy when it comes to church finances? You're not alone. In this week's episode, Sean and Amy dive deep into something that's close to their hearts—creating a funding plan that actually supports your church's vision. We're not just talking spreadsheets and budgets here (though those are important!). We're talking about aligning your resources with God's mission for your church.

We'll explore practical ways to evaluate your current budget, identify gaps between your financial reality and ministry strategies and make meaningful adjustments, even mid-fiscal year.

If you're wrestling with questions about church finances or feeling stuck in your current funding approach, this episode offers the guidance you need to move forward with confidence. Plus, we've included a helpful tool for subscribers to put these principles into practice right away.

### Key Quotes

1. SEAN: "The healthiest churches have clarified both how they will reach people outside the church and faith and how they will help everyone take steps to continue their discipleship growth."
2. SEAN: "One of the key areas that we see hold churches back from vision accomplishment is just not having the resources."
3. SEAN: "God's vision for our church is always going to be bigger than what we have financial resources for today, but the resources are going to follow the vision."
4. SEAN: "This isn't just about moving numbers around on a spreadsheet. It's about aligning your resources with your God-given vision for reaching people and for making disciples."

### Self-Assessment: How Are We Doing?

1. How much are we currently investing in our reach and discipleship strategies? Are we giving appropriate resources to both sides of the Great Commission?
2. Do we have specific personnel dedicated to seeing our reach strategies achieved?
3. How are we tracking new people? Who is currently in charge of following up with new people?
4. Thinking about building a vision-minded budget: If we were building the budget from scratch based on our current reach and discipleship strategies, what would our budget look like?
  - a. How does our current budget compare to our vision-minded budget?
  - b. Will our current budget allow us to accomplish our reach and discipleship strategies?
  - c. If not, what needs to change (focus on reallocating resources, personnel, etc., instead of just increasing the budget)?

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