

Today, the live discussion with the Rogue River Church visioning project was so helpful. Actually, I thought of many program items for ministry suggestions to remedy the problem, but noted your caution to first wrestle with the big question in the group: What is happening here? Our workgroup wrestled with this situation from the perspective of what contribution the parents are making to their young people.

I have pursued this visioning process in past churches, but without the script and philosophy behind the process. So, now, I have been given resources and live explanation for direction from this class to more thoroughly apply the vision planning process. Thanks for the dialogue that provided helpful insights to clarify the process.

I do have to admit that my skills in this area need honing, but I sense that by doing, there will be a rewarding learning curve. The three core questions are very helpful:

What is happening here?  
What is the best we can hope and pray for?  
What shall we do here?

Our church is ready, I believe, for this visioning process. I do have some concerns about what will develop in the process as 4-5 key priorities/topics surface. What if the pastor does not agree with the outcome? I suppose that would be an indicator of the Lord's will for the pastor to move on to other fields of work. I must admit that I am fearful of conducting this process so late in my tenure at my present church. However, I am excited about the opportunity to assist the church in envisioning their future.

Clarification of our classwork for this module was quite helpful. Again, Skip, you modeled the way in answering class members' questions.

It was also a blessing to have Ken Hall come over and be physically present to answer questions and arrange a schedule to meet with us. I meet with him tomorrow at 6pm.