

Exercise 2

Defining Values and Vision

CCK's Values and Vision

Vision

As friends in covenant identity and God's mission, we flourish as we plant and prosper together as Kingdom outposts of Christ in every neighborhood where the Spirit leads.

Mission

We live for Christ and his Kingdom, confessing Christ's person, experiencing his presence in assembly, following his path as disciples, and fulfilling his purpose as his ambassadors.

Values

CCK holds these values as our highest ideals and commitments among our churches:

- **TRUTH:** We affirm the truth as it is in Christ, aspiring always to speak and live consistent with his Word with conviction, graciousness, and humility.
- **VISION:** We believe God is able to do exceedingly beyond all we ask or think according to his Spirit's power at work in us.
- **STEWARDSHIP:** We strive in all things to be wise stewards of God's resources and opportunities, led by the Spirit's leading and will.
- **COMPLEMENTARITY:** The Holy Spirit dispenses callings and gifts to every disciple among us, to be affirmed and released for maximum edification and impact.
- **FREEDOM:** Christ has liberated his people to be open to new life possibilities and horizons, allowing us to reward failure, take risks, and move in new directions.
- **ADAPTABILITY:** We catch the wind of the Spirit, remaining open to adapting, reforming, and changing in order to accomplish God's purposes in new, fresh ways.

Your Local Application of CCK's Vision

Instructions

Complete the Team Exercise: Defining Values/Vision.

1. Review's CCK's Values and Vision and draft your vision of your church locally on what you understand.

2. Let each team member rank their top five values from the list on page 3.

3. Discuss together each team member's selections and seek consensus on your team's core values.

A. What values did we all accept?

B. Can you think of anything your team want to do that is not on the list provided?

C. Settle on your team's 5 core values to define and guide your church plant.

4. Discuss how the CCK vision and values will impact your church planting work.

A. What do you want to trust God for your church in 5 years?

B. What things need to happen to show you as a team that God has blessed your work as a church plant team?

C. How can you use the CCK vision and values to keep your work focused on the things that matter most in your work? Explain.

Seeing the Big Picture: Defining Values/Vision Chart

Rank order the following from 1-5 (“1” – most important). Only choose five, even though they are all important.

Teaching God’s Word	Social justice ministry
Fellowship	Discipleship
Cell church or small groups	Administration
Worship	World missions
Prayer	Reaching out to the community
Training members to use gifts	Worship style
Ministry to children and youth	Preaching style
Stable leadership	Worship format
Reputation in community	Charismatic orientation
Use of Spiritual gifts	Ethnic/cultural focus
Multi-cultural representation	Group structures
Church government	Evangelistic strategy
Financial priorities	Justice issues
Assimilation and follow-up	Leadership styles
Spiritual disciplines (study, prayer)	Planning and setting goals
Building the body	Assimilating new attendees
Outreach	Close relationships
Ministry to adults	Doctrinal purity
Counseling/pastoral care	Varied programs
Music ministry	Other(s) (list in space provided below

Others:

- Based on your discussions, prayer, and seeking of the Spirit’s direction, list goals for your church plant for the next 6-12 months. Make sure they can be measured, with specific due dates, and indicate who will be responsible for the goal. Be open and free. You may wish to postpone some decisions until after you finish your CCK Church Plant School training. If you do, make sure your goals are specific and have a proposed date to decide when you will do something later.

1 Adapted from an Evangel School exercise in Ripe for Harvest, pp. 79–92.