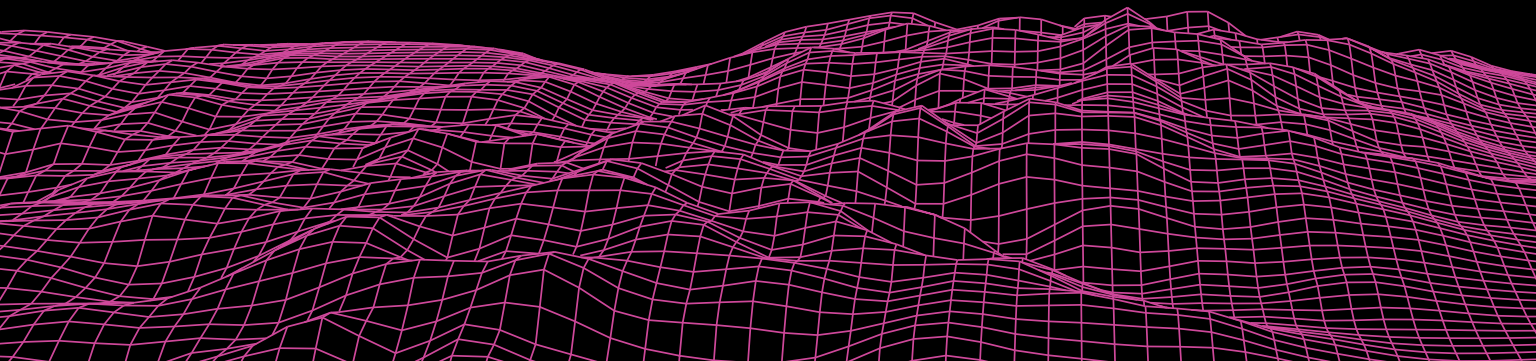


WEEK 1

EMBRACE THE VISION



LAUNCH PAD

From *The Jetsons* and *Star Trek* to *Back to the Future* and *Westworld*, there are lots of different visions of what the future could look like. Some of those visions are inspiring while others are scary. And some have already turned out to be downright inaccurate. As we start *Future Quest*, let's project a bit into our own future. How should we think about it? Whether we know it or not, God has a big and crazy good vision for each of us—the chance to live into an unpredictable but really cool adventure.

- If this is your first time meeting together or if you have new people in your group, introduce yourselves.
- When it comes to books, movies, or TV shows, visions of the future tend to fall into one of two camps: mostly hopeful (think *Star Trek*) or pretty pessimistic (think *Terminator*). Which type of book, movie, or show do you tend to prefer? When it comes to your general outlook, are you more of an optimist or a pessimist? Explain.

Start playing this week's video. Jeff will prompt you to pause it after a few minutes so that you can ask the following questions:

- Think about your life five years from now. Then, think about it 15 years from now. What do you hope life will be like? What do you hope will be true about you, and what do you hope to accomplish?

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WATCH THE REST OF THIS WEEK'S VIDEO.

Use the space below to take notes (or doodle, whatever works best for you).

STATUS REPORT

Read **Luke 5:1-11**.

- Put yourselves in the position of these fishermen. Prior to their encounter with Jesus, how do you think they would have pictured their future? What would they have probably believed about themselves and their potential?
- In this encounter, how does Jesus change the way they see what's possible in the world? How does He change the way they see what's possible through them?
- Has there been someone in your life who helped you see more potential in yourself? Who was it, and how did they help you dream bigger?
- Do you buy into the fact that God has a big vision for your life? Or do you have doubts? Share with the group.
- What do you think it means saying “yes” to Jesus’ vision for your life? If you have made that decision, what does that choice involve for you? If you haven’t, what hang-ups and questions do you have?

Every rocket launch requires two things: fuel and focus (along with a spark!). As we think about the future, let's check on how we're doing in the present. First, analyze your fuel levels by doing **Diagnostic Activity #1** on page 12. Have everyone take five minutes on their own, and then, ask the following questions:

- Where do you feel energized right now?
- Where do you feel out of gas or depleted? Why do you feel that way?

Now, think about your focus—where you're aiming to go. Have everyone take five minutes on their own to do **Diagnostic Activity #2** on page 13, and then, ask the following questions:

- What did you write down as a specific hope or dream you'd want to see happen by the end of the year?
- What did you write down as a hope or dream for this group over the next six weeks? What would make that more likely to happen?

Close in prayer, asking God to help you see and live into His big vision for your life and this group. Also, point out the *Daily Quest* reflections that can be done during the week.

DIAGNOSTIC ACTIVITY #1

FUEL LEVELS

Below are four fuel gauges, each one for a different area of life. Indicate how full and energized you feel in the following four areas by drawing an arrow to point to your fuel level.



SOCIAL LIFE

Friendships, family,
co-workers, neighbors.



PHYSICAL LIFE

Health, stress, fitness.

Where do you feel energized right now?

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SPIRITUAL LIFE

Connection with God, prayer,
Bible study, church.



MENTAL LIFE

Handling worries, anxiety,
temptation; learning and
exploring new ideas.

Where do you feel out of gas or depleted?

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DIAGNOSTIC ACTIVITY #2

FOCUSED VISION

“ I BELIEVE THAT THIS NATION SHOULD COMMIT ITSELF TO ACHIEVING THE GOAL, BEFORE THIS DECADE IS OUT, OF LANDING A MAN ON THE MOON AND RETURNING HIM SAFELY TO THE EARTH.”



President Kennedy famously said that before the decade would be out, the United States would land a man safely on the moon and safely return him to the earth. He had a vision, but it was specific and time-bound. All rockets need good aim. So, get specific about where you want to go by completing the following two vision statements:

Before this year is out, I want to commit myself to achieving the goal of:

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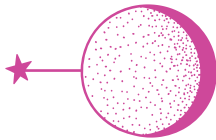
Before the *Future Quest* series is done, something I would like to see happen in my life or in this group during these six weeks is:

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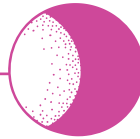
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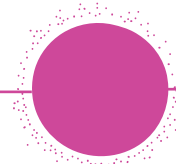
DAILY QUEST



DAY 1



DAY 2



DAY 3

READ

PSALM 139:13

For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb.

READ

EPHESIANS 2:10

For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

READ

JOHN 10:10

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

REFLECT

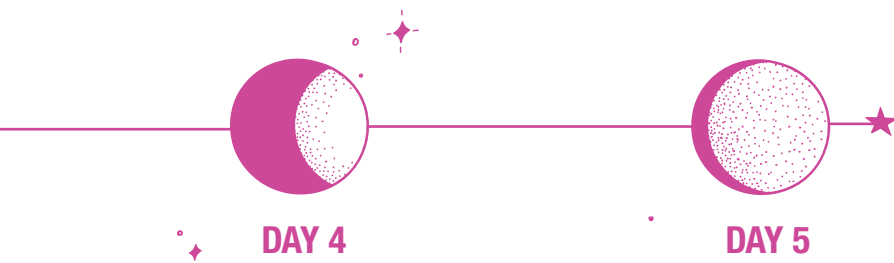
You are not an accident. God knit you together with precision and has a future full of purpose with you in mind.

REFLECT

Do you see yourself as God's masterpiece today? He's working in you to work through you.

REFLECT

Jesus wants you to have an abundant life full of joy, peace, and purpose. In what ways would you like to have more of His joy, peace, and purpose today?



READ
MARK 8:34

Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.

REFLECT

What does it look like for you to deny yourself today, take up your cross, and follow Jesus?

READ
JOHN 14:12

Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father.

REFLECT

When God is working through you, there is great potential to do amazing things.

