

## VISION/NARRATIVE (Part Two)

### Introduction: Defining the Solution

The Church Planter needs a compelling sense of ‘something must be done’. The vision that God has planted within you is more than just a sense of calling, it is a **solution** to the problems plaguing our communities. It is too simple to say that the **gospel** is the solution. It isn’t ‘one size fits all’. We must think like **missionaries**. We are **spiritual anthropologists** and community theologians. We must answer the question ‘What does the good news sound like **here**’? The answer is **counter cultural**. We cannot ‘baptize’ what people are already doing. Our ‘Kingdom Outpost’ is a **contrast** culture to the prevailing culture.

### Why Us? Why Now?

Our neighborhood should be a better place to live and work because the **church** is here. We must write this in a **narrative** form.

- So we can **communicate** fully what God is doing in our hearts.
- It is important for our **leadership** (launch) team so that we can send a clear message to everyone we encounter.
- Because we are establishing a new work in the neighborhood we will have a lot of opportunities to tell our **story**.
- People need to find **themselves** inside our story.
- Contrary to the way of Jesus, we value **information** more than **imagination**.

### Tips for Crafting Our Vision

- How would I explain what **God** is doing?
- Present/**Explain** the vision to our congregation.
- Rick Warren says that every **52** days you need to remind the people of your narrative.
- Our narrative can be **co-opted**.
- Return to your sense of calling/vision over and over (every **3-4 years**.)
- Our **vision** allows us to say ‘yes’ to the things we need to say yes to.

### Additional Notes/Homework: