

The 2:10 Effect

IGNITING KINGDOM IMPACT

*For we are what
he has made us, created
in Christ Jesus for good
works, which God prepared
beforehand to
be our way of life.
Ephesians 2:10*

A STEADY INVESTMENT

We recently caught up with Pastor Aubrey Barnwell, who has been using the VantagePoint3 Pathway of processes for most of his years in leadership at First New Life Church in Phoenix. We were curious what he notices about himself, his leadership, and the people at First New Life after years of steady investment in the lives of adults motivated for more life with God and others.

"When I first began to lead, I needed a pathway for development myself," said Pastor Barnwell. "The VP3 Pathway is now so deeply in me and us that it just IS," he said with a contagious laugh.

"I would say helping adults discover their God-given gifts and aligning those with God's purposes is the most important way for me to spend my time," says Barnwell. This statement hangs in the shadow of our observations that Aubrey's teaching muscle is dynamic and life-giving and aligned with his gifts from God as well.



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and Linda Barnwell

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"One of the things I love about the VP3 materials, is the flexibility and freedom to adapt it to our setting and needs." Aubrey uses all Pathway materials, starting groups at different times of the year, with different combinations of people, and adapts deeper dives to meet the transformational activity of God in the group.



Paula with Pastor Aubrey

"The VP3 processes have repeatedly uncovered people in my midst that I didn't imagine what was possible for them. I have a Saul in mind, and God has a David in hand."

One of those people in Pastor Aubrey's *Journey* and *Way of Life* groups was Paula Guerrero. "Pastor Aubrey has been instrumental in guiding me and helping me learn God's voice. I affectionately call him 'Professor.' It's hard to put into words the impact Pastor Barnwell and VP3 have had on my life as well as the lives of others. I am humbled and honored to share how I've been impacted," says Paula.

She adds, "Through the VP3 processes I no longer doubt if I am worthy to be God's co-worker because I now know God values me, forgives me, is healing me and is aligning my gifts for Kingdom influence beyond what I could have ever imagined."

Churches who have committed to the VP3 Pathway over a period of time, like Pastor Aubrey's First New Life congregation, share with us that the bar of Christian maturity goes higher, which includes a common shared language, an ability to address conflict in healthy ways, a release of the imagination of God's Spirit among God's people and an overall equipping of the saints for the work of the Kingdom.

"A deepening development and discipleship is not for the faint of heart," says Pastor Aubrey, "this Pathway has been as meaningful to me as to all of us here at First New Life."



A few of the most recent VP3
graduates with Pastor Aubrey at
First New Life Church.

You are part of Kingdom work

THE IMAGINATION BUSINESS



deeply resonate with a comment I heard recently that so many of us who call ourselves Christians suffer from tunnel vision— seeing our individual lives, seeing God's person and work, seeing all of reality for that matter, as far less than what it really is.

Walter Brueggemann says "imagination is the capacity to image a world beyond what is obviously given." Our imaginations need to be stretched; the blinders need to come off. And thankfully this is what the Spirit of God is already up to in our lives—stretching our shrunken imaginations of who God is, who we are, and what God desires to do through us.

We at VantagePoint3 have always been in the imagination business, the work of providing a supportive and challenging space for men and women to encounter a God who is far beyond their wildest imaginations ... a God who loves them extravagantly and calls them particularly to join his blessing mission in the world (Genesis 12:1-3).

We count it such a privilege to get to partner with people like Pastor Aubrey, who care deeply about this imagination and maturity work (Ephesians 4:14-15). May we each be open to the ways the Spirit is stretching our imaginations and our lives for God's glory (Ephesians 3:20-21). —Rob Loane

One of the things we are currently energetic about is *A Faithful Run 2017*. Last June over 70 people sponsored Randy Reese in his Manitoba Marathon in Winnipeg. He had a keen sense that through this marathon the Lord wanted him to pay close attention to "the race he was running" (Hebrews 12:1-2). It proved to be such a meaningful experience for Randy and for us as an organization.

This winter a group of VantagePoint3 folks set their hearts and prayers to continuing what Randy started. Through *A Faithful Run* we want to provide others the same opportunity to be challenged personally by the Lord and to help contribute to the life-deepening and empowering work of VantagePoint3. We are looking for folks who are willing to take on the challenge of a walk, run, bike, swim, etc. and keep the ripple going.

A Faithful Run is a space and place for you to pay attention to the Spirit's leading and to help VP3 live out its mission faithfully. Several people have signed up thus far. What is the Lord asking you to do? Will you join us?



If you are interested in learning more about this opportunity, go to our Faithful Run webpage — <http://vantagepoint3.org/a-faithful-run-page/>

THANK YOU!

Let the ripple continue...

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We are so grateful for the many of you who financially partnered with us during 2016. Amidst a year of challenge and change, the Lord's faithfulness remains our big story as a ministry. Your generous support allows us to help others experience the transformative impact of the VP3 Pathway of processes. We count it such a privilege that we get to work with so many people who care deeply about growing up into Christ and helping others grow up (Ephesians 4:15). So we pray, *let the ripple continue... let the name of Jesus live out...*

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