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Is your team excited about the next big dream for your church?

You are a visionary leader and your church probably has a vision statement. Yet most churches are stuck in a trap of generic communication without a truly visionary plan. Just like a visionary restaurant needs a more specific focus than “serving food,” a visionary church needs something more than biblical generalizations like “loving God, loving people” or “making disciples and serving the world.”

When a team doesn’t share an understanding of God’s next big dream, leadership grows tired, overworked by an “all things to all people” ministry approach. Too often there’s no unified picture of what success looks like. People can feel uninspired and your church’s programming can seem more optional than ever.

Ministry without clarity is insanity. Are you ready for a better way?

In this groundbreaking work, based on Will Mancini’s 15 years and over 10,000 hours of church team facilitation, *God Dreams* reveals a simple and powerful planning method that will bring energy and focus to your church like never before.

First, *God Dreams* shows how to reclaim the role of long-range vision today by providing 12 vision templates, each with biblical, historical and contemporary illustrations. These vision starters will dramatically accelerate your team's ability to find complete agreement regarding your church's future.

Second, *God Dreams* explains how to overcome the fruitless planning efforts that many church teams experience. With a tool called the Horizon Storyline, leaders can connect short-term action steps with the long-range dream, while leveraging the power of storytelling to make the plan “stick.” This tool will galvanize a diverse team of ministry leaders and volunteers with unprecedented enthusiasm.

Imagine leading with a refreshed sense of freedom and confidence, with a totally new way to inspire your church. Imagine the ability to harness the energy and resources of your people towards a specific dream of gospel impact, in your church and in your lifetime.

God Dreams is your passport to leading into a better future.

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Mike Morris says

Great companion book for Church Unique, also by Will Mancini. Both books really help churches find their unique vision. God Dreams is a practical book that I highly recommend to pastors and leaders as they work through what God is calling them to do.

Lance Livermore says

Stimulated my anointed imagination to co-labor and co-create with a good, good Father !

Dennis Sy says

Balanced views of Churchs temperament

Powerful and practical, this book can encourage you to do some changes or reaffirm the changes happening in the church.

Chris Gregg says

Great book!

Excellent Strategic planning. God envisioning! I would recommend this to all pastors and church leaders. It is a definite must read. Get it today.

Katie says

A good guide for anyone working with their church to re-imagine its future. Pretty dry and most references to successful church endeavors referenced white men but this book did help our committee stay on-task and organized.

Rand Hall says

God Dreams blows up the concept of vision and mission "statements." If you are looking for a super-practical resource to guide your team to a meaningful future, God Dreams is it.

Julius McCarter says

Will Mancini's *God Dreams: 12 Vision Templates for Finding and Focusing Your Church's Future* is both a roadmap and a toolbox, but even more: It rejects that one size fits all approach that's so common in church growth studies. *God Dreams* is not even a many sizes fit most approach, but rather a "find your size and fit it" approach that is surprisingly refreshing.

With all of the tools, resources, charts, graphs, templates, etc, that Mancini has provided to flesh out all of the ideas with your leadership team, pastors will actually feel like you're stealing. I know the usual model -- say some stuff in the book, but sell your \$5,000 coaching program on every page. Mancini, though, rejects that approach. Instead, in the best coaching for church leadership that I've read in a long, long time, Mancini offers particular ways forward for churches who long to find and focus on the dream God has for their particular community.

I can't praise *God Dreams* too highly. If you read no other church leadership book for 2016, make Mancini's *God Dreams* that book.

I received a free copy of this book from B&H Publishing in exchange for my honest review here.

Matt Adair says

Fantastic resource for church leaders.

Do you have a clear and unique long-range and short-range vision for your church? *God Dreams* gives you the tools to know why you exist and how to live out your unique contribution to God's kingdom every day.

David says

Will is a friend and an amazing leader. His book *Church Unique* was phenomenal. This follow up based on the concepts around the Vision Frame, allows an organization or person process 12 different ways forward to the preferred future God has for them.

Tim Genry says

I would not try to lead a church in any visionary process without reading this first!

JonDavid Partain says

I'm a visionary, heavy in the Ideation category according to the Gallup StrengthsFinder...so this book speaks to me at a deep level. My appreciation for Mancini's thoughts are due to the process of taking right-brain, usually obscure creative thoughts and allowing us a structure to flush them out and articulate them to the masses.

Excellent!

Tommy Kiedis says

If you've read Church Unique, you need to read God Dreams. Will Mancini and Warren Bird provide the explanation and tools to discern to find and focus the future of your church. This is a Visioneering goldmine.

Jraulston says

Mancini's Church Unique was the best book I read last year and God Dreams is the early leader in the clubhouse this year. Fantastic!!

Daniel says

I'm not exactly a strategic planner, so books like this help me a ton. Thankful for the wisdom in it, and I will be using some of the strategies in the book to supplement some weak spots in my leadership. Mancini's first book, Church Unique was more helpful in a lot of ways, but this was a great compliment to what it had to offer.

Rocky Woolery says

Good thoughts and ideas for making an organization, specifically a church, more productive by focusing on where one is heading and how they are going to get there.
