

FIVE ASPECTS OF THE VISION FOR CHARISMATIC RENEWAL

1. Are there other aspects of the charismatic renewal that you would like to add to this list?

Name them. Tell why you would want to add them as key constitutive elements of the charismatic renewal.

2. In the life of our prayer group ...

- A. I would rank how well our group is exhibiting each of these five aspects as follows:

5 = very well 1 = needing much improvement

1. Conversion and Fruitful Initiation	1	2	3	4	5
2. Full Reception and Exercise of Charisms	1	2	3	4	5
3. Ongoing Growth in a Life of Holiness	1	2	3	4	5
4. Caring and Sharing Relationships	1	2	3	4	5
5. Bold Witness of Life, Words and Action	1	2	3	4	5

- b. Some specific examples of how our prayer group has fostered aspects of this vision that are most in evidence in our group are ...
(For example, we conduct two initiation programs (Life in the Spirit Seminar, etc.) each year and promote it with broad advertising. Or, as a prayer group we have a yearly retreat together so that we might grow in holiness and build stronger relationships.)
- c. Pick an aspect where you need improvement. Why do you think this area needs to be improved? Think of specific ways that it can be fostered.

VISION FOR THE LIFE OF THE PRAYER GROUP

THE PAST: Where we have come from.

What is the story of our beginnings? When did we begin? Why did we begin?

Did we begin with a clear idea of the kind of group God wanted us to be?
What was that? How did we live out that call from the Lord?

Has God given clear directions over the years to take another course?
Have there been times when we drifted from the Lord's original/new direction?
How did we respond to that drift?

THE PRESENT: Where we are now.

What kind of group are we? Charismatic, Intercessory, Contemplative....
Describe your current demographics: Number of men, number of women, number under age 35, number over age 60 ...
Membership trends over the past 12 months: up, down, the same. Over the past 5 years. Has there been a lot of turnover in the membership of the group in the past year? Five years? If so, where are those people now? Would you say that most members joined the group ... in the first 5 years/10 years/15 years (adjust depending on the age of the prayer group), within the past two years, the past year?

The role of our pastoral/leadership team is ...

The number of people involved in ministry in the prayer group are ...

The most effective ministries in the prayer group are ...

Areas of outreach from the prayer group are ...

Thinking about our weekly prayer meeting ...
I am satisfied/not satisfied with the level of praise and worship.
The following charismatic gifts are in evidence...

We do/do not regularly pray for healing.

How else would I evaluate our meeting?

THE FUTURE: Where are we headed?

What is God direction for us now?
How is that direction given to us?
How have we discerned that direction?

Do we need to make changes to be where God is calling us to be?

1. Our prayer group has a vision statement that clearly states our identity and mission.

YES ____ NO ____

2. If "NO," the reason for this is:

We don't see the need for such a statement. ____

Everyone knows what the vision is. ____

We don't want to be boxed in by a vision statement. We want to be free in the Lord. ____

We haven't developed as a group to be clear about the vision. ____

This is just too complicated for our group. ____

I don't know. ____

3. If "YES,"

The vision for our group is ...

How was this discerned?

When was this vision written down?

How is this vision made known?

How does this vision statement guide the life of the group?

4. The next step in our group with regard to VISION is

Nothing ____ Write down the vision ____ Teach about the vision ____

Make a card with the vision statement and distribute it ____ Re-think the vision ____

Pray about having a vision statement ____ Ask the pastoral team about the vision ____

Other _____