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What does it mean to you that David came up with this vision on his own and it wasn't revealed to him by God?

This month, we want to become people of greater vision by strengthening our faith in what God is really all about, by asking him to open our eyes to some good that should be done, and by developing a vision for our role.

Vision Truth #1

God wants people to love him as the greatest good.

Read Deuteronomy 6:4-5 and Matthew 22:37-40. Is it arrogant or selfish for God to demand love like this? Why or why not?

Read Philippians 3:7-9. If knowing God is truly the greatest thing in the world what difference should that make in a person's life?

What difference should that make in a person's relationships?

What difference should that make in a church?

Do you believe that knowing God is the greatest thing? Why or why not? Share with the group how knowing God has been a good thing in your life.

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