



PREP FOR SKILL

1. Give yourself the “gift of an unhurried day.” Spend time in prayer, asking God for ideas as to where he might be leading you in the next 5 years, then listen.
2. Read “The Life-Transforming Power of a God-Given Vision for Your Life.” Appendix A.

If the ax is dull and its edge unsharpened, more strength is needed, but skill will bring success. —Ecclesiastes 10:10 (NIV)

In the Scriptures, skill is closely tied to wisdom and knowledge. The idea is the application of wisdom and knowledge to an area of life. From the skill necessary to build the Tabernacle (Exodus 35:10), to lead effectively (Psalms 78:72), to pursue love (Jeremiah 2:33), a person of skill is an individual who has a depth of knowledge that translates into an ability to produce something of significant worth.

 **THINK**

Sharpening your skill set as a leader is a major goal of the Five Core Training experiences at Fellowship NWA. Developing skills in communicating the Gospel and God’s plan for the nations, studying the Bible inductively, stewarding well the resources entrusted to your care, and leading and serving on ministry teams are all potential outcomes of “sharpening your ax” in the The Training Center.

There is a skill to identifying your “leadership rhythm” and then developing a planning process that harnesses your biggest leadership dreams with strategic thought and application.

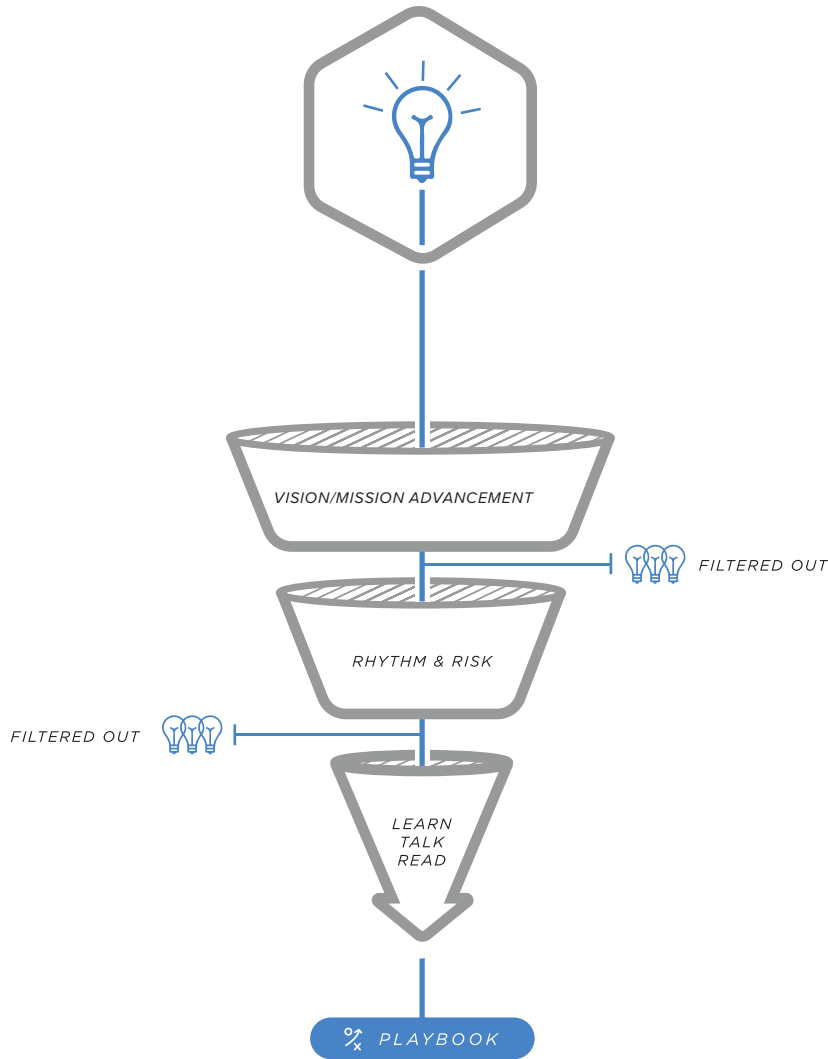
In Leadership Lab, we utilize a process titled:
521: Dream for 5, Think for 2, Plan for 1.



PROCESS

521 is an annual planning process that can be utilized to help leaders and leadership teams dream about and anticipate ideas that could be on the horizon in five years. Harnessing these ideas to strategic thinking for up to two years is then followed by developing a one-year plan of action.

521 PLANNING



Dream for 5
be a future traveler

Think for 2
be a strategic thinker

Plan for 1
be a compelling playmaker

MINISTRY AREAS	GOALS (S.M.A.R.T)	WHO/WHEN	COST

DREAM FOR 5 YEARS

Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine...
—Ephesians 3:20

Imagine My Life in 5 years

What do I see in 5 years regarding my Vision/Mission, the vision/mission of my family?

Where do the words “immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine” take me?

When I wander outside the boundaries imposed by the way things are, what do I see? What do I think God sees?

What ideas do I need to keep dreaming about?



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*BIG
IDEAS*

THINK FOR 2 YEARS

Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever isn't admirable if anything is excellent or praiseworthy think about such things. —Philippians 4:8

How do I get there?

Will this idea advance my Vision and Mission?

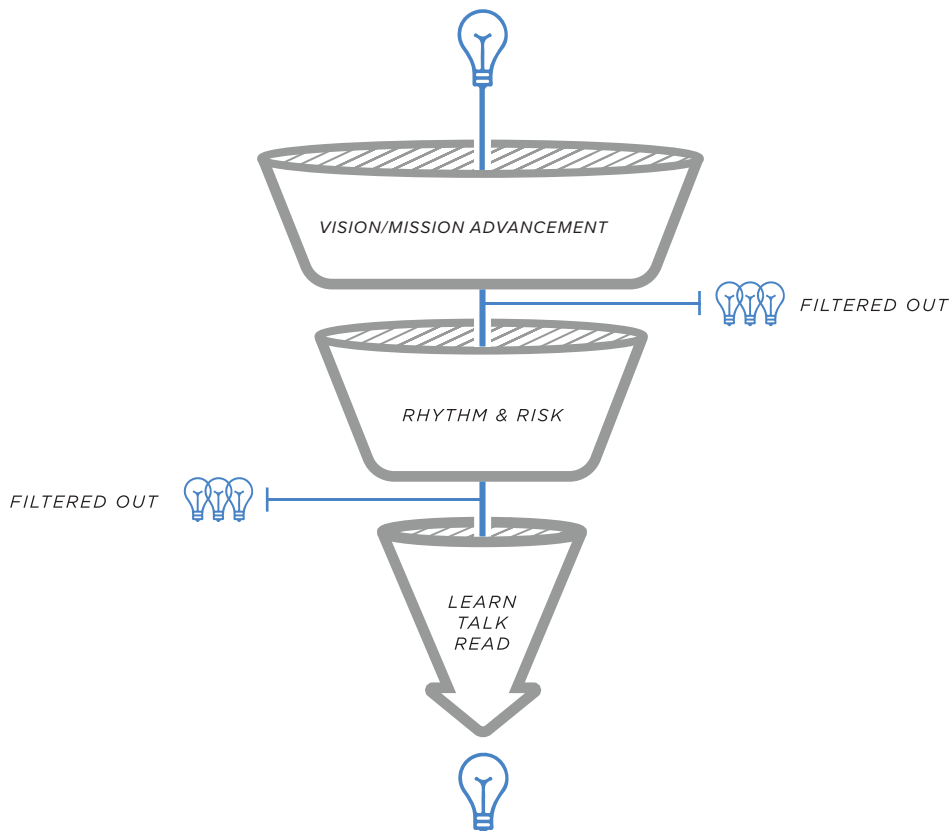
How will it affect my rhythm and pace of leadership?

What are the risks involved? Am I willing to assume them?

Who has implemented this idea and what can I learn from them?

Who are the leaders, teams, and organizations I need to talk with about this idea?

What do I need to be reading to sharpen my thinking on this idea?



PLAN FOR 1 YEAR

...the eyes of the Lord your God are continually on it from the beginning of the year to its end.
—Deuteronomy 11:12b

The Game Plan

PLAYBOOK

MINISTRY AREAS	GOALS (S.M.A.R.T)	WHO/WHEN	COST
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S.M.A.R.T. GOALS

- Specific
- Measurable
- Attainable
- Realistic
- Timely