

LAUNCH RETREAT: OVERVIEW AND AGENDA



Your Launch Retreat is where the fun begins! This is the first time you will gather to cast a vision, lay the groundwork, and build a foundation for the next nine months together. We encourage you to schedule your Launch Retreat to begin before jumping into the VLE: Foundations I content, but you have flexibility as to when works best for you and your church!

KEY ELEMENTS

Because VLE: Foundations I is designed to be centered within your local church, the Launch Retreat will be as well. We provide two suggested agendas below (a two-day and a one-day), but you may tweak and amend the schedule. We encourage you to make it your own; however, there are a few key elements that we ask you keep in your schedule, as they are foundational to VLE: Foundations I:

Worship and Ministry Time: Please make this a priority and plan accordingly. Vineyard leaders are “people of His Presence,” and the Launch Retreat will be an incredible opportunity for potential and emerging leaders to experience that in a real and powerful way. We *expect* them to encounter and engage with the Holy Spirit throughout the retreat – and you, the leader, should work towards creating an environment for them to do so.

Session One and Three Video Messages: Participants will hear from Jay Pathak (National Director, Vineyard USA) and Christina Lowery (Associate National Director of Church Health and Development, Vineyard USA). In Session One, Jay discusses calling and how we can discern God’s call for our lives. In Session Three, Christina and Jay discuss the importance of our individual stories and how God wants to grab hold of us in a way that will shape or transform our stories.

Mentoring Sessions: Two mentoring sessions occur after the video messages in Sessions Two and Three. The quality time you spend with participants is where transformation and growth happen. We will provide a Mentoring Guide for both Sessions with discussion questions, but feel free to tweak it to meet the needs of your unique participants.

FUN: Last but not least, look for ways to make this retreat enjoyable for participants! Be playful, and let there be laughter! We want participants to learn and grow, but we also want them to build relationships and have a blast with one another!

SUGGESTED TWO-DAY AGENDA

FRIDAY	
6:00 PM - 6:30 PM	REGISTRATION AND RECEPTION <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Doors Open

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Name Tags • Snacks / refreshments and mingling
6:30 PM - 9:30 PM	SESSION ONE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6:30 PM - Welcome • 6:33 PM - Ice Breaker / Team Building Activity • 7:00 PM - Worship • 7:30 PM - Intro and Vision from Lead Pastor <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The WHY and WHAT of the Launch Retreat • 7:40 PM - VIDEO: Intro to VLE: Foundations I • 7:50 PM - Group Discussion with Mentors <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What do you hope to get out of VLE: Foundations I? • 8:10 PM - VIDEO: How to Discern God's Will for Your Life • 9:00 PM - Ministry Time • 9:30 PM - Dismiss

SATURDAY	
8:30 AM - 9:00 AM	COFFEE AND REFRESHMENTS
9:00 AM - 11:30 AM	SESSION TWO <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:00 AM - Welcome • 9:03 AM - Group Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What was your big takeaway from last night's session? What did the Holy Spirit speak, impart, or challenge you with? • 9:20 AM - Lectio Divina • 9:40 AM - Worship • 10:10 AM - Pray for Each Other <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Groups of 2-3 • 10:30 AM - Break • 10:45 AM - Mentoring Session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Session One Discussion Questions from Mentoring Guide</u> • 11:30 AM - Dismiss for Lunch
11:30 AM - 1:00 PM	LUNCH <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On your own, provided, or as a group - up to you!
1:00 PM - 3:30 PM	SESSION THREE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1:00 PM - Worship • 1:20 PM - VIDEO: The Power of a Story

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2:20 PM - Mentoring Session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Session Three Discussion Questions from Mentoring Guide • 3:00 PM - Final Blessing and Prayer • 3:30 PM - Close and Dismiss
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SUGGESTED ONE-DAY AGENDA

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SATURDAY	
8:30 AM - 9:00 AM	REGISTRATION AND RECEPTION <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Doors Open • Name Tags • Coffee/refreshments and mingling
9:00 AM - 11:30 AM	SESSION ONE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9:00 AM - Welcome • 9:05 AM - Worship • 9:30 AM - Intro and Vision from Lead Pastor <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The WHY and WHAT of the Launch Retreat • 9:40 AM - Intro to VLE: Foundations I • 9:50 AM - Group Discussion with Mentors <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What do you hope to get out of VLE: Foundations I? • 10:10 AM - VIDEO: How to Discern God's Will for Your Life • 11:00 AM - Ministry Time • 11:30 AM - Dismiss for Lunch
11:30 PM - 1:00 PM	LUNCH AND MENTORING SESSION <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Session One Discussion Questions from Mentoring Guide
1:00 PM - 3:30 PM	SESSION THREE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1:00 PM - Worship • 1:20 PM - VIDEO: The Power of a Story • 2:20 PM - Mentoring Session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Session Three Discussion Questions from Mentoring Guide • 3:00 PM - Final Blessing and Prayer • 3:30 PM - Close and Dismiss