

Discussion Guide

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Vision Sunday 2025

For Such a Time As This: Week 2

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Main Idea

This weekend isn't just another service—it's a significant moment in the story God is writing through Hope City. Today, we pause to look back with gratitude, stand in awe of His faithfulness, and look forward with faith for all He's about to do. From our earliest gatherings to the miracle we're standing in today, one truth has remained constant: God is faithful.

Vision gives clarity and direction—it keeps us running toward God's purpose instead of wandering aimlessly. Before we step into the future, we celebrate how far He's brought us and realign our hearts to see through His lens, not preference or tradition, but what's truly sacred and inspired by God.

Anchor Passage

"And the Lord answered me: 'Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so he may run who reads it.'"
(Habakkuk 2:2, ESV)

1. We Are Going to Keep His PRESENCE Our First Priority

Hope City is built not on programs or personalities but on the powerful presence of God that changes lives the moment people walk through the doors. When we seek Him first and make His presence our priority, everything else—ministry, growth, and impact—flows naturally from that place of divine overflow.

Read Psalm 73:28; Matthew 6:33; Exodus 33:15

Discussion: In what ways can we personally and collectively make God's presence our first priority rather than relying on programs, routines, or personalities? How have you experienced the presence of God transforming your life or atmosphere—at church, in your group, or in your daily rhythm?

2. We Are Offering More Opportunities for Spiritual Growth & Development

At Hope City, we're committed to creating more spaces for people to grow deeper in God's Word and stronger in their faith. Through Cultivate Classes, Revival Nights, and expanded groups, we're keeping the Word of God front and center—helping every person move beyond salvation into lifelong spiritual development.

Read Dueteronomy 6:5-9

Discussion: What helps you personally keep God's Word "in front of you" throughout your daily life, and where do you find it most challenging to stay consistent? How can our group encourage one another to take advantage of opportunities—like classes, groups, or personal study—to grow deeper in our relationship with Jesus?

3. We Are Starting STRONG In Our New Church Home

As we step into a new season and a new home, God is doing something fresh at Hope City—renewing our vision, mission, and core values to reflect who we are today and where He's leading us next. We honor the foundation of the past decade, but we move forward with faith and clarity, ready to start strong in all that God has begun.

Read Isaiah 43:19; Ecclesiastes 3:1; and Romans 15:13

Discussion: How can embracing a "new thing" from God—whether in our church, our group, or our personal life—help us grow stronger in faith and purpose? What does it look like for you to "start strong" in this next season and align your life with the renewed vision and mission God is shaping at Hope City?

Helping People Find Hope

Our "Mission" defines our PURPOSE - We are "Helping People Find Hope" through:

- Salvation
- Weekend Worship Experiences
- Community
- Freedom Encounters

Our "Vision" defines our FUTURE

"Our vision is to lead people into a life-changing relationship with Jesus Christ, while choosing authentic joy and learning how to fight in faith.

CORE VALUES

- WORD OF GOD.
- LOVE
- EVANGELISM
- SERVICE
- GROWTH

SUMMARY

We celebrate what God has done in 2025: 6,308 people have made commitments to Jesus, 980 people have gone public with their faith through water baptism, and 1,266 people have gone through HC Connect and are joining the serve Team serving. But God is not done yet!

This Vision Sunday reminds us to keep God's presence our first priority, pursue ongoing spiritual growth, and start strong in the new season God is leading us into. As we honor His faithfulness in the past and look forward with faith, we commit to building our future on His presence, His Word, and His purpose for Hope City. We look forward to seeing you at our Grand Opening, December 6-7, 2025.

CALL TO ACTION

And we are asking for your prayers for no delays:

1. Inspections to go smoothly
 2. Contractors safety and excellence
 3. Favor with the city for permitting
 4. Staff as we prepare
 5. Grand Opening WONDERFUL weather
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GROUP LEADER RESOURCE

The Marshmallow Challenge

The Marshmallow Challenge is one of the most fun team-building and icebreaker games for work. To start the exercise, split your team into pairs and give each group 20 sticks of dry spaghetti, three feet of tape, three feet of string, and one marshmallow.

The instructions are easy, even if the task is not. Each pair has 10 minutes to build the tallest structure with the marshmallow on top. This activity requires teamwork, communication, and innovation. Once the challenge is complete, have the group discuss what part of the exercise was the most difficult, who failed at first, how they recovered, and what they thought of the other designs.

When we keep God's vision before us and stay united in His mission, we build something that lasts—something strong enough to carry the weight of His purpose. Let's build with faith, not fear. Let's keep the marshmallow—God's purpose—on top of everything we do. Let's collaborate, innovate, and trust that when we align our hearts to His plan, God will make His vision stand tall.