Hope City

Discussion Guide

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Vision Weekend

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Main Idea

Unity is essential to the mission of the church. Psalm 133:1 reminds us of the beauty and importance of God's people living together in unity. Vision Weekend is an opportunity to come together around three important questions: Who are we as a church? What are we on mission to accomplish? And how do we plan to accomplish it? At Hope City, our mission is simple: Helping People Find HOPE. We believe hope changes things, and each of us has a role in bringing that hope to others. Through healing, ownership, purpose, and evidence, we can grow together in faith and make a lasting difference in the lives of people around us.

Anchor Verse: *"How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!"* (Psalms 133:1, NIV).

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1. H = We Offer Hope Through HEALING

God's heart is to bring healing, restoration, and freedom to broken lives. Through Jesus, people can experience forgiveness, renewed hope, and transformation, and as a church, we have the privilege of helping others encounter that same life-changing hope.

Scripture: Psalm 103:2–5; Isaiah 61:1–3

Discussion: Healing can take many forms—spiritual, emotional, relational, and physical. Where have you experienced God's healing or restoration in your life, and how has that experience shaped your relationship with Him? Isaiah 61 describes bringing good news, binding up the brokenhearted, and comforting those who mourn. How can you personally become a source of Christ's hope and encouragement to someone who is hurting?

2. O = We Offer Hope Through OWNERSHIP

Spiritual growth requires personal ownership of our relationship with God. While the church provides opportunities to encounter Him on weekends and tools to know Him throughout the week, each believer must intentionally pursue Jesus and steward the hope they've received so they can share it with others.

Scripture: James 4:8

Discussion: What does taking personal ownership of your relationship with Jesus look like beyond attending church services, and where do you see opportunities for greater consistency in your spiritual life? The pastor said, "If you steward well the HOPE you have been given, then you will have hope to SHARE." How are your current spiritual habits preparing you to encourage, disciple, or share Jesus with someone else?

3. P = We Offer Hope Through PURPOSE

God created each of us with a purpose and has equipped us with gifts to serve others and accomplish the good works He has prepared for us. When we discover and use those gifts, we become part of something greater than ourselves, helping others experience hope while investing in the next generation.

Scripture: Ephesians 2:10; 1 Peter 4:10

Discussion: Ephesians 2:10 teaches that God created us in Christ Jesus for good works. What gifts, abilities, or experiences has God given you, and how might He be calling you to use them to make a difference? The pastor reminded us that our choices today will impact our children's tomorrow. How can the way you live, serve, and prioritize your relationship with Jesus influence the faith of the next generation, whether in your family or your community?

4. E = We Offer Hope Through EVIDENCE

A growing relationship with Jesus produces visible evidence through the way we live, love, serve, and impact others. From personal transformation to meeting practical needs through missions, the fruit of our faith demonstrates that God's hope is making a difference in our lives and communities.

Scripture: Colossians 1:10

Discussion: Colossians 1:10 describes a life that honors God and produces good fruit. What evidence of spiritual growth can you identify in your life over the past year, and where would you like to see greater fruit? Hope City has demonstrated its mission through serving families, feeding children, and meeting practical needs. What needs do you see in your own community, and how could you or your small group become part of the solution?

SUMMARY

Hope City's mission of Helping People Find HOPE is more than a statement; it's a calling we share as followers of Jesus. Through healing, we help people experience God's restoration. Through ownership, we take responsibility for growing in our relationship with Him. Through purpose, we discover and use our gifts to serve others. And through evidence, our transformed lives demonstrate the difference Jesus makes. As we remain united around this mission, we become a church that doesn't simply talk about hope but actively brings it to our families, neighborhoods, workplaces, and communities. Hope changes things, and God wants to use each of us to help others find it.

CALL TO ACTION

Take Ownership of Your Spiritual Growth: Set aside at least 15 minutes each day this week to spend with Jesus through Scripture and prayer. Reflect on James 4:8 and identify one area where you need to be more intentional about drawing near to God.

Put Your Purpose Into Action: Identify one gift, ability, or resource God has entrusted to you. Find one practical opportunity this week to use it to serve someone, whether through your family, your small group, your church, or your community.

Be the Evidence of Hope: Think of one person in your life who needs encouragement, healing, or a renewed sense of hope. Reach out to that person this week, listen to their story, offer prayer or practical support, and look for an opportunity to share how Jesus has made a difference in your life.

GROUP LEADER RESOURCE

The Vacation That Didn’t Go As Planned

Instructions:

Ask participants to think about a time when someone did something simple that made a significant difference in their life. It could have been an encouraging conversation, a practical act of kindness, an invitation, or someone helping them through a difficult season.

Invite each person to briefly share what happened and why it meant so much to them.

After a few people have shared, ask the group to consider what these experiences have in common.

Connection to the Sermon:

Hope often becomes real to people through the actions of others. Whether through healing, encouragement, serving, or sharing our faith, God uses ordinary people to make an extraordinary difference. This is at the heart of Hope City's mission: Helping People Find HOPE.

Transition Question: If a simple act of kindness or encouragement can leave such a lasting impact, what could happen if we intentionally looked for opportunities to bring the hope of Jesus into someone's life every day?