

Discussion Guide

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Vision Sunday

If You Lose Your Why, You'll Lose Your Way

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Main Idea

The message highlights the importance of learning from both wins and losses, using the past as a springboard for the future. It calls for being faithful in the present, with audacious faith in taking the next steps while trusting God's guidance. The key is to stay focused on your "why"—why you serve, give, and participate—and not lose sight of your purpose. Ultimately, it's about choosing to trust God, even when the full plan isn't clear, rather than giving up in frustration. Vision often extends beyond our current circumstances and requires bold steps of faith.

Anchor Passage

Then the LORD answered me and said: "Write the vision And make it plain on tablets, That he may run who reads it.

Habakkuk 2:2, NKJV

1. Vision Requires Faith From Us

We have massive faith that God will complete everything He has started at HopeCity and in our lives. With great expectation, we're excited about the future, including the opening of our new West Houston campus in Fall 2025.

Read 2 Corinthians 5:7

Of all the things that God has done at Hope City in 2024, what are you most grateful for? What are you most excited about for 2025?

2. **Vision Requires Action From Us.**

Without action, vision is just a dream. When we step out in obedience, God transforms our efforts into something greater than we could achieve alone. Vision and faith always call us to take the next step toward God's plan.

Read James 2:26

What "good works" is God calling you to for 2025?

3. **Vision Unites Us.**

When we align with God's vision as a church family, we move as one, and together we become unstoppable. A unified church is powerful, and God partners with us when we take bold steps of obedience. While obedience isn't always easy, it always bears fruit.

Read Ephesians 4:3

What comes to mind when you hear the statement "none of us is as good as ALL of us?"

4. **Vision Challenges The Comfort In Us.**

Growth and comfort can't coexist. God's vision often pushes us beyond our comfort zones. It's in the stretching that growth really happens.

Read Philippians 3:13-14

In what way is God asking you stretch to your faith in 2025?

5. **Vision Multiplies Impact Through Us.**

Hope City's impact is felt far beyond our walls—feeding the hungry, serving families, reaching youth, and sharing the Gospel in prisons. Our vision isn't just for us; it's for our city, nation, and the world. We're fulfilling our role, and through collective action, we're making a lasting impact.

Read Matthew 5:14

How can we, as a small group, be a "beacon of hope" in our community this week? What are some practical ways we can live out God's vision together to make a positive impact?

6. **Vision Isn't About Building a Name, It's About Building His Kingdom.**

As we close out 2024, let's prepare our hearts for God's vision in 2025, focusing on helping people find hope. We are called to sow into things that have eternal impact, recognizing that what we give to can change lives forever. Together, in unity, we can accomplish even greater things in 2025, believing for God's faithfulness to continue.

Read Luke 6:38

How can we practically partner with God in 2025 to expand His kingdom and make an eternal impact in our community? What steps can we take now to prepare our hearts for the "Hope for the House" offering and the vision God is calling us to?

SUMMARY

Today's message focuses on VISION, urging the church to reflect on God's faithfulness, embrace faith-filled action, and move forward into the future with boldness and unity. As the church, we must remember "why" we serve, give, and share the Gospel. Our "why" emboldens us to face the challenges to go beyond our comfort zone to fulfill God's greater vision for our lives and the world. Vision is about faith, action, unity, and multiplication, all of which are essential for building God's kingdom.

CALL TO ACTION

- 1. Reflect on God's Faithfulness:** Take time to look back and celebrate the ways God has worked in your life and in our church community this year. How can you carry that same faith and trust in God's direction as we step into the vision for 2025?
- 2. Embrace Bold Steps of Faith:** Vision requires action. What are the next steps God is calling you to take in faith? Whether it's serving, giving, or stepping out of your comfort zone, how can you align your actions with God's vision for the future?
- 3. Commit to Unity and Impact:** As we move forward together, remember that vision is collective. How can you contribute to the unity and mission of our church in a way that amplifies our collective impact in reaching the city, nation, and world with the hope of Jesus?

COMING UP

Join us in reaching our city with Hope City's annual [Hope for Christmas](#) project!

If you have, currently are, or are considering leading a small group in 2025, please register today for our Group Leader Rally and Intensive Training on January 4, 2025, by clicking [HERE](#).

GROUP LEADER RESOURCE

Game: Stocking Guessing Game

First, you need a host to put random items in a stocking. Once it's stuffed, tie a ribbon or string around the top of the stocking so that no one can peek. Sit in a circle and pass it around to let everyone feel what's inside. Give them note cards so that they can write down their guesses. The person who guesses the most correct items wins.

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