



Family Conversation Guide

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This is the **third of a 4 part series** on the vision of Moments of Hope Church for the next 5 years. Each week, David Chadwick will unveil another piece of the vision God has given him and our leadership, and share how we can all be a part of what God is doing. “Without vision, people perish” (**Proverbs 29:18**)

Every church needs a vision- we need to know where we are going. With your family, discuss [our vision](#) and how we can be a part of doing big things for God. **“Be the Church...Just Go!”**

READ AND DISCUSS

1. In **Genesis 1 and 2**, God created the world and everything was good, as He intended it to be. **What do you think the world was like in Genesis 1 and 2?** No pain. Suffering. Hunger. Poverty. Every need met. In **Genesis 3**, rebellion against God occurred, and it is evident in every part of this world. **What was the sin that changed everything?** (*Adam and Eve disobeyed God*) Ever since, there has been brokenness in the form of sin, sickness, divorce, poverty, hunger, and all kinds of suffering. Because of this, God sent Jesus to earth to die for our sins and restore our relationship with God. And his church to help address much of the suffering in this world.

2. Jesus gave his friends a job to do before He went back to heaven. **Do you know what He told them to do?** *The apostle Paul and the other disciples were called by Jesus to take the gospel to every part of the world. To Jerusalem and Judea (locally), to Samaria (the next places outward) and ultimately to the ends of the earth.*

3. Paul loved the gospel of grace. Read **Romans 1:16**. **How does he describe the gospel?** (*“It is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes”*) **And, who is it for?** (*“the Jew first and also to the Greek”*) So, Jesus wanted the gospel to reach the Jews and also everyone else- that it would be taken to the world.

4. In **Acts 15**, the Jewish Christians argued that non-Jewish Christians (Gentiles) needed to be circumcised according to Jewish law.. Paul disagreed, saying that **making this requirement would add work to the law of grace**. Finally, Peter, James and John convinced the Jerusalem Council not to make this a requirement for Gentile believers, and they were free to go and share the gospel with all the world. We are also called by God to do this.

5. In **Galatians 2:10**, **what did Paul say was important to do along with preaching the gospel of grace?** (*Caring for the poor*) In fact, in **2 Corinthians 8 and 9**, Paul led churches with more means to care for churches with people in need (the Jerusalem Collection). **Moments of Hope Church is committed to doing the same!**

6. In **Matthew 25:31-40**, Jesus taught about ways He would judge how much people loved Him when He returned to the earth. **What are some of the ways?** (*Feeding and clothing the poor, giving water to those who need it, welcoming strangers, taking care of the sick, visiting prisoners.*) Doing good works proves that Jesus lives in our hearts and that we truly understand the gospel of grace!

7. Read **Leviticus 19:33, 34**. **How should we treat strangers?** (*Do not do him wrong, treat him as one who lives here, love him as yourself*) One of our partners, Camino Church, is an example of caring for those who are strangers among us, who came from other places. We are to remember that we are sojourners here on this earth, and while we are here, we are commanded to love one another. Read **Leviticus 19:9**- It is clear that God gave His people land

with an abundance of food, and He wanted them to make sure that the poor had enough to eat.

8. Read **Leviticus 19:17-18**. **How does God want us to treat others?** (*Do not hate, reason frankly, do not take revenge or bear a grudge, love my neighbor as myself.*) Jesus repeated these commands in His teaching. **Who is your neighbor, according to the parable of the good Samaritan?** (*Everyone*)

9. Now turn to **Nehemiah 5**. Nehemiah had built the wall with much opposition, and then he became the governor. He then discovered another holiness law- when Jewish people were in poverty, they should not sell themselves to another permanently. So God gave them **the year of Jubilee, where every 7th year those who had become indentured servants to get themselves out of debt would be free again**. This would keep them from becoming slaves to others, especially other Jews. However, the Jews were not practicing this, and Nehemiah commanded that every 7th year people would once again be freed from their debt. He commanded that the people would have a heart for the poor. He even gave his own salary as governor to help the poor. **How can we choose to help the poor as Nehemiah did?** (*By giving the tithe to the church to be used to help those who are in need, and serving the poor in our community*)

10. David Chadwick talks about God's heart for the needy, the underserved, and the vulnerable. **How does this happen to people?** (*Sometimes, people are in need because of their own sin or poor choices, but many times, it is because of something that has been done to them, including generational poverty.*)

11. It will be an emphasis of our church to give light wherever we can to those in need. Last week, we talked about places where we are doing this internationally. This week, we will look at **eight local communities** where we will give light away to help the under-resourced and underserved. The early Christians made a personal choice to give their money away to help others. **What would happen if those of us in the “wedge” between Fort Mill and**

Matthews- 80% of the income of our city- freely gave our resources so that the 20% (in the “crescent”) could have upward mobility, and health, and so that all of the Charlotte Metrolina area could be well and whole?

Here are the communities we will serve:

Southwest Charlotte:

- **Learning Help Centers.** Emphasis: Stop generational poverty, help educate kids, mentor them, give them hope.
- **Faith, Hope and Love.** Emphasis: Help kids between Kindergarten and 8th grade learn to read and to have a future and a hope. Children need to learn to read by the end of 3rd grade- mentors are needed to help them, with emphasis on spiritual and academic growth

Westside Charlotte:

- **A Better World (Christ Resurrection Church).** Emphasis: After school enrichment and mentoring programs for at-risk kids and teenagers. Also, **Seeds of Hope**, a scholarship fund, has helped young people in this community go to college.
- **The Dream Center.** Emphasis: Go into the neighborhoods and build relationships-helping them with food, clothing, and other needs. Give them hope as they discover their gifts and lives are changed.
- **West Blvd. Ministry.** Emphasis: Build relationships with kids and families, give kids a place to come together and be mentored, support families in prayer and caring- moms’ prayer meetings, for example.

Northside Charlotte:

- **Camino.** Emphasis: Serve the Latino community and low-income families and individuals with a food pantry, thrift store, health clinic, and a variety of other services, meeting their needs in the name of Jesus.

Eastside Charlotte:

- **Faith Soldiers Word Ministry.** Emphasis: Mentor kids - help them not go into prison, rescue teens from gangs, feeding and clothing those in need.
- **Neighborhood Hope.** Emphasis: Train people to be mentors to kids in the neighborhood, giving them opportunities to have hope-like visiting Hope Farm recently.

To find out more about these ministries, visit www.momentsofhopechurch.org/justgo

Verses about serving in our community:

- **Jeremiah 29:7**

“But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare.”

- **Isaiah 58:10**

“if you pour yourself out for the hungry
and satisfy the desire of the afflicted,
shall your light rise in the darkness
and your gloom be as the noonday.”

Our Finances:

Listen to Michael Ballard's testimony on financial stewardship. **How can your family become more in line with God's plan for tithing and giving to the poor?**

- **Debt: Proverbs 22:7-** “The rich rules over the poor, and the borrower is the slave of the lender.”

- **Contentment: Philippians 4:11**- “Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content.”
- **Tithing: Malachi 3:8-10**- “Will man rob God? Yet you are robbing me. But you say, ‘How have we robbed you?’ In your tithes and contributions. 9 You are cursed with a curse, for you are robbing me, the whole nation of you. 10 Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. And thereby put me to the test, says the Lord of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need.”
- **Trusting God- Step Out In Faith: Matthew 6:33**- “But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.”

Family Challenge

Each day, **focus on one of the eight community partners in our city**. Pray for each one, that God will provide their needs, financially as well as volunteer needs, as they help the poor and vulnerable. Ask God to show you where your family can help. With Christmas coming soon, there will be many opportunities for your family to help others.

For Younger Kids:

This month, we are talking about doing big things for God. Talk about the importance of doing good works to show our love for Jesus. **Are little kids too young to do big things?** Listen to the song “Do Big Things” by Amber Sky Music.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o5jja96E15U>

Our mission is:

To glorify God by making disciples who **Know Jesus, Grow in Jesus, and Go for Jesus**.

