

Family Conversation Guide

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This is the last 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.

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.

"Without a vision, the people perish" (Proverbs 29:18)

A review of our **mission, vision and values** for Moments of Hope Church:

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

Our Values- HAGIOS (the Greek word for "holy"---we are a holy, different people):

- Humble
- Authentic
- Generous
- Innovative
- Outreach Focused
- Simple

Our Vision: Be the church...Just Go!

The purpose of our staff is to equip the saints to do ministry (**Ephesians 4:11**).

- Prayer (Nehemiah prayed and the wall was built in 52 days!)
- Strong marriages and families (In Nehemiah the families built the wall together)
- All Hopesters involved in ministry (**Nehemiah 3** People used their gifts and talents to help build the wall)
- The poor and underserved being our concern (**Nehemiah 5**)
- Financial generosity expressed through the tithe, first fruits and other offerings (Nehemiah 10:37; Malachi 3:8-10; Luke 6:38)
- The authority of God's word in our lives is undebatable (**Nehemiah 8**-Nehemiah appointed Ezra to teach the word of God to the people)
- The gathering of God's people to worship (**Nehemiah 8**)
- Holiness being our passion (**Nehemiah 9**)
- Courage in culture as common (Nehemiah 4 and 6)
- Sharing our faith being our first priority (**Acts 1:8** we are Jesus's witnesses in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and the ends of the earth)

Our Five Year vision- What is the "So That?"

- Locally- We will partner with eight at-risk communities to stimulate upward mobility. We want to make our city a City of Hope!
 - Learning Help Centers (southwest)
 - Faith, Hope and Love (southwest)
 - A Better World (Christ Resurrection Church--westside)
 - The Dream Center (westside)
 - West Blvd. Ministry (westside)
 - Camino Church (northside)
 - Faith Soldiers Word Ministry (eastside)
 - Neighborhood Hope (eastside)

- Clobally- We will partner with different international ministries to try to reach 1,000 unreached people groups in the next five years worldwide (Matthew 24:14--there are 7,000 UPC's remaining)
 - Africa/Sudan: ALARM / African Leadership And Reconciliation Ministries
 - Lebanon: Resurrection Church Beirut
 - Nepal: Global Mission Nepal + Open Eyes + Mountain Child
 - India: Mission India + Hope for India
 - Iran, Pakistan, Afghanistan, Kurdistan, Turkey, N. Cypress & Saudi Arabia: Global Catalytic
 - Latin and South America: Camino Church
 - Israel and Pakistan: The Seed Company
 - Haiti and Nicaragua: Bless Back Worldwide
 - Syria and Yemen: Samaritan's Purse
- 3. We will seek innovative ways to use media, social media, and online resources to reach the world for Jesus.
- 4. We will partner with ministries that address gospel social implications, such as, but not limited, to:
 - Abortion
 - Foster care
 - Human Trafficking
 - Prison Ministries
 - Teen evangelism
 - Food and hunger
 - Clean water
 - Clothing
 - Overcoming addiction
- 5. We will train and equip Hopesters primarily through:
 - Hope U
 - Men's and Women's Bible studies

- Group discipleship gatherings at Hope Farm
- Hope Kids and Hope Teens
- Discipling parents to become the primary spiritual teachers of their children
- Other smaller community gatherings as needed

What is missing? You!

We need you to help once a month, internally-serving in one of the areas that keep our church going week to week. "Many hands make light work." Where can you serve?

Here are our places of need:

- Prayer/Visitation
- Parking/Safety/Transportation
- Hope Kids/Hope Teens
- Hospitality/Collections
- Production/Technical
- Set up/Tear down
- Hope Farm projects/Maintenance

You can sign up by going to: <u>www.momentsofhopechurch.org/justgo</u>

Family Challenge:

Did you ever watch Mr. Rogers? He used to say, "When I was a boy and I would see scary things in the news, my mother would say to me, 'Look for the helpers. You will always find people who are helping.'"

Ask your family to watch and find the "helpers" at church on Sunday. Say:

- Why do we need helpers in our church?
- What kind of helpers did you see?
- What would happen if no one helped?
- Can you think of a way our family could help together?

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? Help your child think of ways we could help together at church once a month, even if we pick up trash or walk around welcoming people. Listen to the song "Do Big Things" by Amber Sky Music. <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o5jia96E15U</u>

Special Note for Parents!

Beginning in January, MOHC will be going through the Bible, beginning with Genesis, every week. We want families to join in this- with parents leading their children! We will use the Action Bible for Kids and the Action Bible for Teens, and teach using important characters throughout the Bible. These will be available for purchase at our cost at church services, or you can purchase on Amazon or in bookstores. This will make a great Christmas present for your kids, and provide a way for you to study God's word together!