

Small Group Discussion Guide

Vision for God's Direction: For the week of January 3 - 9, 2021

Opening Discussion and Prayer: *(In groups of 3-4 for 10 minutes)*

- How has this New Year's holiday been different for you and your family? What do you feel like God has spoken to you as we turned the new year?

Main Thought and Scriptures: *(40 minutes)*

The new year provides all of us a new beginning. As we turn the page into a new year, God wants to refresh His vision for our lives as individuals, families, and as a church. Although 2020 was an extremely disorienting year, God's vision for us remains. As we seek Him diligently, He will reveal His direction for our lives in 2021 and beyond. The prophet Habakkuk lived during a time when the Nation of Israel was oppressed by the nation of Assyria. Evil seemed to be winning, and there was little hope on the horizon. Yet Habakkuk teaches us that God has a vision for our lives that comes as we...

1) Stay vigilant.

"I will take my stand at my watchpost and station myself on the tower..." (Habakkuk 2:1 ESV)

2) Watch for what God will say.

"...(I will) look out to see what he will say to me..." (Habakkuk 2:1 ESV)

3) Make it clear for quick obedience.

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

4) Live in faith and trust in God's timing.

"For still the vision awaits its appointed time; it hastens to the end—it will not lie. If it seems slow, wait for it; it will surely come; it will not delay...the righteous shall live by his faith." (Habakkuk 2:3-4 ESV)

Discussion Questions:

- How can you apply the main thoughts above in order to discern and live out God's vision for your life in 2021 and beyond? What can you practically do to apply these principles?
- How does God's vision for us as a Pearlside Church family inform your vision for your life? How do you see yourself as part of reaching the next generation, multiplying small groups, and multiplying church congregations locally, nationally, and globally?

Prayer: *(10 Minutes)*

- Pray for one another for greater clarity on God's vision for our lives as individuals as well as a church family.
- God's vision always involves making a difference in the lives of others. Pray for one unreached friend or family member, that God will use you in 2021 to reach them with the gospel.