

Small Group Discussion Guide

The Vision for Our House: For the week of February 13 - 19, 2022

Main Thought and Scriptures:

God's vision for our individual lives is wrapped up in His vision for His Church around the world and for us as a local church family. Therefore, as we consider His vision for the church, His vision for OUR individual lives will come into focus.

God desires that His Kingdom is established on the Earth.

- Jesus teaches us to pray for His Kingdom on Earth FIRST before we pray for our own personal needs.

"Pray then like this: 'Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.'" (Matthew 6:9-10 ESV)

God has created the Church to expand and establish His Kingdom on Earth.

"...I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." (Matthew 16:18-19 ESV)

- "Church" literally means "called out ones" or the community of believers that is called out of the world and called to bring His Kingdom to the world.
- We bring God's Kingdom to earth as we live godly lives for Jesus and make disciples of non-believers.

Pearlside Church is called to expand God's Kingdom by planting churches locally, nationally, and globally.

- Here is one of many prophetic words spoken over our church over the years:

"...In the coming years there will be a tsunami of exponential church planting and I will raise up an army of church planters from this place that will shock you. They will go to Asia... the west coast... to other nations... to other continents. I will put such a magnetic spirit on this house that I will rebrand you." -Prophet Jim Laffoon

- Planting churches is how the Gospel has spread across the globe and is still the best strategy to expand God's Kingdom on Earth.
- This is our God-given DNA and a large part of why Pearlside was born.

Therefore, Pearlside is called to train and send leaders.

"I will raise up a school in this place and I will raise up a training center in this place and I will bring young people... I will bring older people from every corner of the planet." -Prophet Jim Laffoon

“I’m going to develop a training program here...and people are going to know and see the results of your ministry... the quality and level of students that come out of this area. And they’ll say, ‘Come to our church, come to our place, come to our country, come to our nation and train our people.’” -**Prophet Bill Hamon**

- Training and sending leaders is essential to planting churches and expanding God’s Kingdom.

We all embody God’s vision by making disciples.

“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” (Matthew 28:19-20 ESV)

- The journey to expanding God’s Kingdom begins as each Christian makes disciples of the non-believers in their lives.
- The journey to our individual destinies involves making disciples through our own spheres of influence and unique gifts and opportunities.

Reflection:

(Break into groups of 3-4 to discuss)

- As you reflect on the main thoughts, scriptures. and the weekend sermon, what stands out to you and why?
- How does God’s vision for His Church—to expand and establish His Kingdom on the Earth—inform your vision for your life? How has He uniquely gifted you to participate in expanding His Kingdom? Explain.
- How does God’s vision for Pearlside Church—plant churches locally, nationally, and globally—inform your vision for your life? How do you think God has uniquely gifted you to be involved in what He is doing? Explain.

Prayer:

- Pray for one another to apply this discussion and to live out God’s vision for our individual lives.
- Pray for someone whom God is calling you to reach and disciple, and for opportunities in our daily lives to expand His Kingdom.