



The mission is non-negotiable: make disciples. But God gives each church a unique vision of how they are going to pursue the mission. In these two messages Rick will share what that vision looks like for The Hills Church for the next five years. It is time to “Ask for Nations and Generations!”

**These questions are designed to extend the impact of the weekend message. Use them to go deeper in your personal study time, with your family and/or with a group.**

**1** Rick began by talking about the power of the local church. He said that “No community on earth has a better story to tell, a bolder hope to offer, and a bigger mission to pursue.” Why is that statement true and so significant? How has the local church impacted you recently?

**2 WHY “VISION”?** Rick reminded us that our mission as a church is non-negotiable because it was given by Jesus himself: **make disciples** (*The Hills Church exists to make and grow followers of Jesus*). Why is that crucial to remember? Follow up: **Read Matthew 28:18-20**. What resonates with you the most from this passage? What role does our church play in this mission and what role do you have in obeying this mission?

**3** *Vision is the way we pursue the mission, the way we stay focused on the mission, and the way we measure impact with regard to the mission.* Why is it important to realize that mission and vision are not the same? How would you explain the difference? Follow up: Why is it pivotal that the vision be anchored in the mission while at the same time remaining flexible and open to adjustments?

**4** *Church vision is a specific, measurable, and unique strategy for a particular congregation pursuing the mission of God.* Why is it important to have a clear vision? How does this benefit everyone? Follow up: Share some examples of how the 2020 Vision served our church well for the last 15 years or so.

**5 ASK FOR NATIONS AND GENERATIONS!** *The vision of The Hills Church for the next five years will focus on impacting nations and generations.* As you reflect on this vision what is the first thing that stands out to you? Follow up: What excites you the most about the focus on both **Nations & Generations**?

**6 WHY “NATIONS”?** *God’s redemptive plan has always focused on nations, going all the way back to His call of Abraham.* This is true from Genesis to Revelation. **Read a sampling of those verses: Genesis 18:18, Psalm 47:1, 8-9, 72:11, 17, 102:15, Isaiah 42:1 Matthew 12:21, 24:14, Acts 10:34-35, and Revelation 7:9, 21:26, 22:2.** What stands out to you the most from these verses? Follow up: With those verses in mind, what is our responsibility as a church (look back at **Matthew 28:18-20**)?

**7 WHY NOT...** This week Rick focused primarily on the Nations part of the vision. Take a moment to reflect on the 7 goals he mentioned (go to [nationsandgenerations.org](http://nationsandgenerations.org) for more details and to see how you can learn more). Which of the goals resonate with you the most? What is one next step you plan to take with these goals in mind? Conclusion: Spend some time praying for our new vision, **Ask for Nations and Generations**, and continue to explore more so you can find the best place to serve.

