



Ask For —

Nations & Generations

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 reminding us that “God’s heart for the nations is huge. He cares not just for one people, but for all people. And His redemptive agenda is not just for one time, but for all times.” Why is that so important for us to remember as we begin to focus on our new vision? Share one thing that really excites you about **Ask for Nations and Generations!**

2 EXPLANATIONS: Timing? Rick said that “Instead of waiting for the future we want, we need to start creating the future we want.” What encourages you the most about our beginning to focus on this vision at this time? Follow up: **Numbers?** Rick noted that “You count what you think counts.” What are some examples from scriptures about numbers being reported? Why is it important for us to have some specific numbers in mind as we launch this vision?

3 Benefits: There are so many benefits that come when a church owns a shared vision. What were some of the main benefits Rick mentioned or others that come to your mind? Follow up: Which one of these encourages and excites you the most? Why?

4 GENERATIONS Our God is always thinking ahead, often accompanying His commands or promises with the phrase “for generations to come.” **Read Genesis 17:7, 9; Exodus 12:14, 20:5-6, and Judges 2:10.** What stands out to you the most from these verses? Follow up: With those verses in mind, what responsibility do we have for the next generation? Share some examples of things you can do to help shape the faith of the next generation.

5 GENERATIONS This theme of impacting the next generation for good shows up frequently in the sacred writings, and it was a two-way street. **Read Deuteronomy 32:7, Psalm 22:30-31, 71:18, 78:4, 145:4-5 and Joel 1:3.** What resonates with you the most from these verses? Follow up: What encourages you the most about the focus The Hills has had and is going to have on the next generation? Share some examples of how you’ve seen God’s blessings in this area already.

6 EXPECTATIONS: This week Rick focused on the **GENERATIONS** part of the vision. Take a moment to reflect on the 7 goals he mentioned (go to 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?

7 Rick closed by pointing out that “Our goals are huge; our God is bigger. So we ask.” **Read Ephesians 3:20-21** and 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.

