

## Harvest Weekend 2023

*Harvest Weekend is the primary way The Hills Church raises funds to support our missionaries, church plants, & partner organizations as we obey The Great Commission locally and around the world. Harvest is an important expression of our vision to "Ask for Nations and Generations." Every dollar given to Harvest will be used to bring the nations to Jesus so that generations to come can live the Kingdom story.*

### Harvest Sunday: *Redeeming Babel* (Bryan & Libby – Pioneer Bible Translators)

1. The teaching opened with a story about prayer in North Africa. According to religious norms there, only one language is appropriate for prayer. Not so in the way of Christ. What experiences do you have around other languages and cultures? What is that like for you?
2. **Read Revelation 7:9-12.** Imagine being among all these diverse people and languages around the throne of God. What do you feel? What do you think that experience will be like?
3. *"When God enters the room, language is not used to dominate but to empower and include."* Has language been used as a tool of domination or empowerment in your experience? In what ways?
4. **Read Acts 2:11.** In your own life, how have you heard about *"the wonderful things God has done"*? How has spoken or written language been a part of this for you?
5. **Read Acts 1:6-8.** What do the disciples ask Jesus? How does he respond? What do you think about this? In what ways are we also tempted to focus on our own kingdoms? Follow up: In what ways might God be asking us to expand our focus? What boundaries might God be asking you to cross in order to bless others?
6. According to [joshuaproject.net](https://joshuaproject.net), 42.2% of the world's people are unreached (less than 2% of their people groups are Christians) and roughly 26% of the world's people have almost no exposure at all to the Gospel (these people have never met a Christian and never seen a church or a Bible). **Read Matthew 24:14.** This hasn't happened yet. Why do you think the Good News has not yet be preached throughout the whole world? What are some reasons?
7. **Read Matthew 28:18-20.** Jesus has asked us to go and make disciples of *all* nations. We, as the church, have not completed this task yet. What is your part in this vision? What are you doing now as a part of the call to make disciples of all nations? What would you like to start doing? Take some time to imagine with God about what this might look like.

