

Every good story makes you eager for the next chapter. God is writing His story at Hill Country Bible Church, and we are opening a new chapter in that story. Let's move into that chapter with eager anticipation of what comes next!

Week Two: Our Vision—What do we see?

"Together, our vision is to be a movement of changed lives impacting Greater Austin and beyond for Christ."

## **Discussion Questions:**

The following are based on the "My Application" Questions found in the bulletin this week. (Leader, urge your group members to attend worship—or watch the sermon online—and to spend time considering and answering those questions <u>before</u> coming to the group. This will produce a richer discussion time.)

- What is God's vision for His church? (See Acts 1:8; Ephesians 2:14-21, 4:11-16; Philippians 2:12-16; Colossians 1:28-29. Leader, ask different group members to read each of these passages aloud before you discuss the question.)
- How has God changed your life through the people and ministry of Hill Country?
- How might God use this change in you to inspire non-believers to trust in Him?
- Read the vision statement of Hill Country. What excites you about this vision? What frightens you?
- What part to you sense God is calling you to play in this vision? Try to be specific.

## Scripture Memory

I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent.

Luke 15:7

## Prayer Time

Who do you know that is far from God? Maybe it's a friend, relative, acquaintance, neighbor, co-worker. Spend a minute imagining Jesus searching for that person, finding them, putting them on His shoulders and carrying them back to a big party with your small group. Now spend some time praying that God would make that vision a reality.

- Ask Jesus to reveal Himself to your person.
- Pray the would be open to Jesus love.
- Ask Jesus to show you how you can help, and for the boldness to do so.

## Application

Commit to pray every day this week for God to show you your part in the Vision to impact greater Austin and beyond for Christ. Pray the same for the members of your group.

- Ask God to show you the obstacles people face to connecting at Hill Country, and what you might do clear them away.
- Ask how your group might work together to impact your community for Christ. Make note of how He answers you and come prepared to share with your group.