

Life Group Sermon Study Notes "We are the Church: A People of Vision"

September 21, 2025

Warm Up (10-15 minutes)

Choose a question below to answer or ask another. No right or wrong answers.

What's a book or movie that you would recommend to everyone, and why?

If you could be any fictional character for a day, who would you be?

Word (10-15 minutes)

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Our We Are The Church series will help us see who we are in light of who Jesus is and what he has done for us. This series refocuses us on the goodness and faithfulness of God, holy living in every area of life, and the mission God has called us to as sons and daughters. The Kingdom of God is advancing in our workplaces, schools, and communities and God has chosen all of us to partner with his Spirit in truth and power.

This week we are discussing vision from the book of Habakkuk. Habakkuk writes to the children of Israel of the tribe of Judah who are in exile under Assyria. God tells them that he is going to raise up Babylon to defeat Assyria, but that their exile will continue. Ultimately, God will also judge Babylon for their unrighteous deeds and restore the children of Israel to peace. This means that they would have to endure difficult times for a while before seeing God deliver them from exile. So, our text is God's hopeful exhortation to his children in exile so that they do not lose heart.

For many of us today, it can be hard to wait for the Lord's promises to come to fruition in our lives. Jesus's life, death and resurrection is our reminder that God will be faithful to deliver us from any and everything that keeps us from experiencing his blessing and peace. As you wait for the Lord to answer your prayers, remember the cross and praise God that he keeps his promises.

This past Sunday Pastor Steve shared with us the vision God has given him for our church. God has made it clear that we need to EXPAND and Pastor Steve outlined a number of ways we will do that in the near future. "God has called us to be a people of vision and that vision will fuel our future by faith." Go back and listen to his sermon this week and prayerfully ask the Lord how you can partner with God and Kingdom Church in spreading his Kingdom in Memphis.

Habbakuk 2:2-3 ESV

And the Lord answered me: "Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so he may run who reads it. For still the vision awaits its appointed time; it hastens to the end—it will not lie. If it seems slow, wait for it; it will surely come; it will not delay."

What does this text teach us about God? About us?

Discussion (10-15 minutes)

What does this text teach us about God's promises?

Because we all encounter difficult times in life, how does vision help us endure them?

Why is it important for churches to cast vision?

Application

What is your next step in the <u>Kingdom Church growth track</u>?

Why is it important to have others who can remind you of God's vision for your life? Who are those people for you?

Which <u>PURSUIT</u> should you focus on most immediately to help in Kingdom Church's Expansion? (Those who heard the sermon briefly recap the points of the expansion Ps. Steve talked about).

Which one of the community needs are you most excited or passionate about being a part of serving?

Prayer (10-15 minutes)

Pray for any of the following, as well as other requests you may have.

Pray that Kingdom Church Memphis would embrace Godly vision.

Pray for willing hearts to serve the church and local community.