

## Life Group Discussion Guide - Rebuilding With The End In Mind

This weeks message dealt with the need for a vision & plan to work toward & to work from, so that we might see the rebuilding & strengthening of our marriage & family as a concrete reality verses an elusive hope. Lets flesh this idea out even more in our group time.

Habakuk 2:2 Says: And the LORD answered me: "Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so he may run who reads it.

Q? What insight can we draw from this verse? Do you see the results a written vision is intended to produce? Explain: \_\_\_\_\_

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Q? If someone says they have a vision for something, or a company produces a written vision statement, what does that mean? What would that typically include? \_\_\_\_\_

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Read Luke 4:18-19 aloud in your group

Q? Whether you call it a Mission Statement, Vision Statement, Purpose Statement or Manifesto, how do you think these words Jesus read of himself would have helped him stay on course? How do they help us as his church? Explain: \_\_\_\_\_

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Q? How should having a vision for our marriage & family assist in creating a plan of action toward rebuilding that which is shattered or in need of repair? Can you relate? Explain: \_\_\_\_\_

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Nehemiah didn't come up with his own vision for what the walls of Jerusalem should look like. He went back to the original design that God gave those entrusted to build it the first time. His goal was to restore the wall to that which God intended it to look like.

Q? What is Gods original design & purpose for marriage & family? From memory what picture does GOD'S word give us to build toward? Discuss: \_\_\_\_\_

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Q? Once a couple or a family have locked into a divine picture of what their broken reality should look like, what is the next step or two in the restoration process in your opinion? Explain: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Proverbs 29:18 Says: Where there is no vision, the people are unrestrained, But happy is he who keeps the law.

Q? How can you apply this verse to the idea of rebuilding the walls of our family? Explain: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Amos 3:3 Says: Can two people walk together without agreeing on the direction?

Mark 3:25 Says: And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand.

Q? How do people within a broken marriage or family find agreement on a plan of action toward restoring what has been lost? What steps can be taken to foster agreement? Can you relate? Explain: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Challenge: Craft a mission, vision or purpose statement for your marriage & family how ever it would apply to your context. Find a theme bible verse to found it on & commit to the creation of an action toward the realization of the vision.