

# ReVision 2018

This is Rick's annual message focusing on our 2020 Vision. It's a time to celebrate what God has done and anticipate what He will do.

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, *"The church will always face challenges that are insurmountable apart from the empowering grace of God. But because of that promised grace, the church will always view those challenges as opportunities to push back the gates of hell."* How have you experienced that to be true in your time at The Hills? How has that encouraged your faith journey?

**2 AN AMBITIOUS VISION... Internationally.** So far we've celebrated the opening of Livingstone International University, support 26 missionaries (the goal is 27), have sent 90 missionary specialists (the goal is 100) and more than 1300 people have done a short-term mission trip (the goal was 1200). What is one thing that excites you about what God has been doing through our church internationally?

**3 AN AMBITIOUS VISION... Nationally.** Our vision is to help start 34 new churches (to date we have helped fund 12 new churches and are currently supporting 14 church plants with 3 more being launched this year). Take a moment to pray as a group asking God to raise up 8 more opportunities in the next 3 years (give thanks that the Courage Campaign offerings have already funded the next 2 church plants).

**4 AN AMBITIOUS VISION... Locally.** We want to be a church that is intentional about making and growing followers of Jesus, with 8,000 people

joining us in worship every weekend (in January we averaged 5,654 people — an increase of 72% from 2005). We've witnessed 917 baptisms the last 2 years. We launched the Courage Campaign to make room for making more disciples. We launched a new discipleship pathway called NEXT STEPS because we believe certain practices are critical to growing disciples (*Worship Regularly, Connect with God, Live Differently, Do Life Together, Give Generously, Serve Others, and Tell Your One*). With this in mind, "What's your next step?"

**5 AN AMBASSADOR'S MISSION... a citizen of one country living in another.** An ambassador is a resident alien. **Read Philippians 3:20.** How should being a "citizen of heaven" impact how you're living on earth? How has this been challenging for you?

**6 AN AMBASSADOR'S MISSION... a representative of his/her ruler and people.** An ambassador is to embody the values of the the nation he represents. **Read Colossians 3:17.** What is one area you need to focus on more as you strive to better represent Christ?

**7 AN AMBASSADOR'S MISSION... a messenger of the ruler who has commissioned him/her.** An ambassador does not speak in his own name. **Read 2 Corinthians 5:20-21.** Who is your one? How can you share the message of Christ with them this week?

