



**Heart for the House – What God Sees**  
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**USING THIS SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE**

We have provided all the Scriptures references in the sermon and some discussion questions for you to use to discuss the weekend message.

This Sermon Discussion Guide is only a tool to aid you in meeting the needs of your group. For most groups, there are too many questions to answer in one session together. Give priority to the needs and pace of your group members.

While the questions are important, remember your group's goal is to create an atmosphere that will foster true friendships. Use the discussion questions as you see fit but emphasize the relationships.

**[Proverbs 29:18]**

If people can't see what God is doing, they stumble all over themselves;  
But when they attend to what he reveals, they are most blessed.

"Vision is seeing the invisible and making it visible."

"Vision is the knowledge of the will of the Lord for my life." (Colossians 1:9)

"Vision is looking at life through the lens of God's perspective."

"Vision is a clear and compelling portrait of a preferable future."

**[1 Corinthians 12:19]**

"For no matter how significant you are, it is only because of what you are a part of."

### **[Ephesians 1:17-19]**

I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, and his incomparably great power for us who believe.

*"I could see thousands of people gathering around the greatness of Jesus, being transformed by His grace and power, and then going out to change their world! I could see people coming from all directions, multitudes longing to experience the presence, power, beauty, and reality of Jesus. I could see musicians, preachers, singers, artists, missionaries, pastors, leader and students all working together to create an environment. The atmosphere was charged with faith and joy, the magnetism of the beauty of His Church was astonishing, and there was a palpable humility and honor. It was a place, a space, a "zone of Glory" that you never wanted to leave. I was captivated at just the thought of being able to be a part of something so grand, so limitless, and so eternal."*

### **[Exodus 33:14-16]**

The **LORD** replied, "My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." Then Moses said to him, "If your Presence does not go with us, do not send us up from here. How will anyone know that you are pleased with me and with your people unless you go with us? What else will distinguish us from all the other people on the face of the earth?"

## **1. Eternal vision enables us to see what God is doing.**

### **[2 Kings 6:14-17]**

So one night the king of Aram sent a great army with many chariots and horses to surround the city. When the servant of the man of God got up early the next morning and went outside, there were troops, horses, and chariots everywhere. "Oh, sir, what will we do now?" the young man cried to Elisha. "Don't be afraid!" Elisha told him. "For there are more on our side than on theirs!" Then Elisha prayed, "O **LORD**, open his eyes and let him see!" The **LORD** opened the young man's eyes, and when he looked up, he saw that the hillside around Elisha was filled with horses and chariots of fire.

## **2. Eternal Vision re-aligns our priorities and investments.**

***LIFE IS SHORT  
ETERNITY IS REAL  
PEOPLE MATTER MOST***

## **3. Eternal Vision is exponential.**

*"Vision is a clear picture, but it's not a completed picture. It is exponential as more people are added to the equation. This is where you come in."*

## **Key Points:**

1. Eternal vision enables us to see what God is doing.
2. Eternal Vision re-aligns our priorities and investments.
3. Eternal Vision is exponential.

## **Application for the Week:**

This week, ask God to open your eyes to an eternal vision to see what He is doing around you. As He reveals this to you, consider realigning your current priorities or investments to live a life where people matter most.

## **Discussion Questions**

1. When have you had a vision, and where did it lead?
2. Why do people “stumble over themselves” when they lack vision? [Proverbs 29:18]
3. What vision do you believe God has called you to carry out in your life?
4. What is an eternal vision? Why is this important?
5. What separates the church from all other community-focused organizations?
6. What is the vision of your life that can connect to the vision of the House that can become exponential?
7. In what ways has the exponential vision of the church directly influenced your life or your family?



## **H4TH BOOK: QUESTIONS TO THINK ABOUT**

### **Chapter 1 – WHY WE EXIST**

- What is the Mission of The Father's House? (Page 15)
- What does it look like for you personally to be on mission for Jesus?
- How does your life calling, goals, talents, and gifts align with the "Great Commission" Jesus spoke about in Matthew 28-18-20?
- How can you purposely align your heart with The Father's House mission?

### **Chapter 2 – VISION: THE CHURCH WE SEE**

- What is the Vision of The Father's House? (Page 22)
- How have you personally experienced the vision of TFH?
- Pastor Dave wrote about the church he sees. (Pages 25- 27). What points really resonated and grabbed your attention? Why?
- How can you purposely align your heart with The Father's House vision?

### **Chapter 3 – LOCAL CHURCH: IT'S A BIG DEAL**

- What stood out the most to you from this chapter?
- How does God build His church through you and me?
- If the Church is a big deal to Jesus, why should the church be a big deal to us?

### **Chapter 4 – BELONG**

- Do you believe the community the early church found can be replicated today? Why or why not?
- Have you experienced true authenticity with a group or another individual? If yes, how did that experience help your spiritual growth?
- What benefits have you experienced being committed and connected to a TFH group?

## **Chapter 5 – PRESENCE**

- What stood out the most to you from this chapter?
- There are three keys to living your life in the presence of God:
  1. Repentance, 2. Feed your God-given desire for His presence, and
  3. Be intentional about making a place for His presence. How have you seen God's presence increase in your life when you applied these three keys?
- God's presence changes everything. How can you make your home a place where the presence of God will abide? (Page 74)