



Vision Weekend

Small Group Discussion Guide

March 8-9, 2008

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”
- Jeremiah 29:11

Discussion Questions

1. When you hear someone say that “God has a vision or plan for your life,” what do you think that means?
2. How specific is God’s plan? Do you think He plans all the little details? Or is it a general plan?
3. The Bible tells us to “live by faith, not by sight” (2 Cor. 5:7). Discuss how you are doing in this regard? Is it easy for you to live by faith, or difficult? Why?
4. Pastor Dean suggested that we “Do the prayer before we write it off, do the math, or say no.” From a human perspective, is this realistic? What about from God’s perspective?
5. How do you think life would be different if you always prayed first? How would your relationship with God be different?
6. Read Matthew 5:25-34. Name some of the things that stand out to you from this passage? How do these words apply to the everyday life of a Christian?

FAITH IN ACTION: Without “writing it off, doing the math, or saying no” beforehand, take some time to pray about what God would have you give, and what God would have you do.

The Big Idea

In Habakkuk 2:3 God instructs the prophet: “This vision-message is a witness pointing to what's coming. It aches for the coming—it can hardly wait! And it doesn't lie. If it seems slow in coming, wait. It's on its way. It will come right on time....The person in right standing before God through loyal and steady believing is fully alive, really alive” (*The Message*). God has a vision for each one of us. He has a purpose and a plan. But like Habakkuk, we need to wait on the Lord, and seek His vision for us. If we wait on Him, the vision will come right on time. And when we live in accordance with God’s vision, we can have the abundant life that God wants us to experience.