



I LOVE MY CONNECT

STUDY 2

Vision Sunday

Read: Ps 65:11, 1 Corinthians 3:9-11, Luke 15:11-32

“God is building a home. He’s using us all – irrespective of how we got here – in what He is building. He used the apostles and prophets for the foundations. Now He’s using you, fitting you in brick by brick, stone by stone, with Christ Jesus as the cornerstone that holds all the parts together. We see it taking shape day after day – a holy temple built by God, all of us built into it, a temple in which God is quite at home.”

Ephesians 2:19-22 (The Message)

Homes are built to be lived-in, cared for and visited. They are places of safe-haven, security and well-being. Places of response and responsibility, care and concern. Places where family is embraced and strangers are welcomed.

Hillsong Church is our spiritual home and our prayer is that in 2012 we will continue to be built into al God has purposed us to be. In Isaiah 66 and Acts 7 God presents the question, “Heaven is my throne and earth my footstool, so what kind of house will you build for me?”

May we continue to build a house to His glory. A house that resounds with His praise and examples His love and goodness to a lost and seeking world. A house that knows His favour and resonates with His saving grace and presence. A house that God would be proud to call his own.

Brian & Bobbie

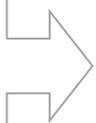
CONNECTION AND ACTION *Use these questions to promote conversation and connection.*

- Q:** What aspects of the Vision presentation stood out to you?
- Q:** Describe how church is a family for you, a place of unconditional love and acceptance?
- Q:** What important lessons have you learned about church being a body, where we and our gifts all flow together with one purpose?
- Q:** Share the story of how you were first drawn to the house of God, and what you discovered there.
- Q:** Tell us about the people in Church of other backgrounds or races that you connect with. What do they add to your life and your Christianity?
- Q:** The greatest miracle is people getting saved. Who are the people in your world you are praying will meet Jesus this year?
- Q:** What do you consider to be your Next Steps in your walk with God and in serving His kingdom?

HIGHLIGHTS COMING UP

- HEART AND SOUL NIGHT at our Hills Campus (via link Brisbane) 7:30pm on Tues 7th Feb. Sit together as a Connect Group and don't forget to report attendance as usual via myhillsong.com
- SISTERHOOD UNITED NIGHT Tues 27th Feb for all the girls! Do what you can to be part of this night!!
- COLOUR YOUR WORLD CONFERENCE – Conference One at the Sydney Entertainment Centre 15-17th March still has room for you and the girls! Register now at colourconference.com

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BIBLE AND BELIEF Use these questions and scriptures to help believers develop a biblical worldview.

Read: Ephesians 2: 19-22 in The Message and a normal translation.

- Q.** Why do you think God likens His church to a temple? (*Hint: What used to happen in the temple in the Old Testament? See 1 Kings 8:10-11*)
- Q.** Why is God more interested in a "building" made of people rather than a physical temple?
- Q.** In light of this, what demands does being part of the house of God place upon us?
- Q.** What sort of things should a church like that described in Eph 2:19-22 be known for?

Read: 1 Corinthians 3:9-11

- Q.** In what way is Christ the foundation for the church, the house of God?
- Q.** Paul says that each person should build the church with care because Christ is the foundation. What would "building with care" look like?

GROWING LEADERSHIP Use these questions to help people in your group grow as leaders.

- Q:** What aspects of the Vision presentation stood out to you?
- Q:** What did you learn in 2011 about your "grace zone?" How are you applying it this year in your leadership?
- Q:** How has being in a church that is reaching out to nations impacting you as a leader?
- Q:** What are your Next Steps as a leader?

Strategising

Spend time with your leaders coming up with plans for the following:

- Seeing people meet Jesus
- Raising and developing leaders
- Growing and multiplying connect groups
- Nation Builders giving

PRAY TOGETHER

- A year of GROWTH & OVERFLOW in our lives and church
- People to find their place in our church in 2012
- Nation Builders Faith Goal

PASTORAL CARE

- We have a pastoral care team at church to walk alongside of people in your group who may be going through a tough time
- Please contact the church office Sydney 02 8853 5353 or Brisbane 07 3422 8500 to let us know of anybody in your group (with their permission) who have sickness, death of a loved one, marriage challenges, surgeries.

NATION BUILDERS Use this section to inspire and inform people on the difference their giving can make. Together we support

1. **Church Planting.** Moscow, Paris, NYC, Stockholm, Amsterdam, Germany, Japan and Toronto.
2. **Gospel Missions.** Missions Aviation Fellowship, Sports Chaplaincy, overseas workers in China, Kazakstan, Pakistan, Thailand and South East Asia.

In previous years, we sowed seed into Churches in London, Kiev and Cape Town. Today we see incredible fruit! How exciting that we can now plant seed into new Churches like NYC and Germany. Your giving TODAY will make a difference in the nations TOMORROW

If you haven't already done so, please take the time during you next meeting to set a new Nation Builders Faith Goal for your Connect Group in 2012.

