

FACILITATORS NOTES:

Begin your time with prayer – asking God to bless your time and sharpen your team’s ability to apply these principles to their situations. Note: If your team is larger than 6 or 7, you may want to divide up for the discussion part of the training so that everyone has the ability to participate.

DISCUSSION OBJECTIVE:

Participants will discern ways that they might more effectively steward the message of hope entrusted to the local church.

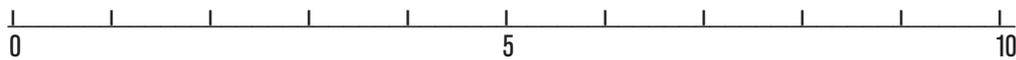
SET UP THE CLIP:

In this clip, we will be learning from Bill Hybels. [Read aloud the bio on the right.] Hybels has 30 years of experience as a church leader – and in this clip he will share some of his convictions about power and potential of the local church. Let’s watch the clip.

TEAM DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. “I came to the rock solid conviction that because the message of Jesus Christ is the only power on planet earth that can radically and permanently change the composition of a human heart and because God entrusted that message to his Church to steward and to proclaim to the four corners of the world... that means... the local church is the hope of the world.” Bill Hybels

On the scale below, rate how “hopeful” you are feeling about the local church right now and discuss with your team.



0 I'm discouraged and not very hopeful

10 I believe this to my core, more than ever

2. Hybels said: “If the local church really is the hope of the world then each attender really matters.” He challenged church leaders to help people live full on for God, find their spiritual gifts, and to deploy them for maximum contribution.
 - a. Think about your ministry or church and discuss with your team. How well are you doing at communicating the importance and value for every attender to “get in the game”?
 - b. Identify 4 or 5 specific ways ways that you could envision, encourage and mobilize attendees in your church. List them below.
3. Take some extended time as a team to pray for your local church and other local churches in your area – that churches would function right and truly become the “hope of the world”.



ABOUT THE SPEAKER:

Bill Hybels founded The Global Leadership Summit, now in 525+ cities and 90 countries. He is the senior pastor of Willow Creek Community Church, a pioneer in contemporary church strategy and one of America’s largest churches with more than 24,000 weekly attendees. He is committed to developing and mentoring leaders worldwide, including those in some of the most difficult, overlooked and under-resourced countries.

