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WHY IS THE LOCAL CHURCH THE HOPE OF THE WORLD?

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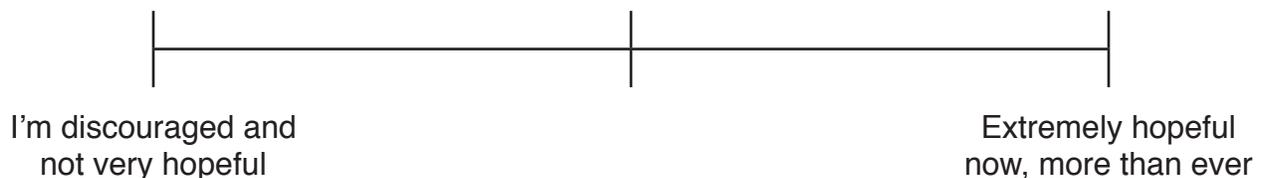
VIDEO SUMMARY:

In this classic talk, Hybels explains how he came to the conviction that the local church is the hope of the world.

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 the reasons why with your team.



2. Hybels said: *If the local church really is the hope of the world then each attender really matters.* Think about your ministry or church and discuss with your team. What’s working—and what’s not working—in communicating the importance and value for every attender to “get into the game?”



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3. Churches cannot be all things to all people. However, multiple churches or Christian organizations in a given community can fill in the gaps. Assess how you think the churches in your area are doing right now.

Areas where our church is being the “Hope of the World” in our community	Areas where other churches or Christian organizations are being the “Hope of the World” in our community	Areas where churches in our area are struggling to be the “Hope of the World” in our community

4. How can your church better partner with other churches or Christian organizations?

5. How might the churches in your community develop a joint plan to address a challenge not currently being addressed? Assign one person on your team to connect with other churches on this topic.