



Family Discussion Guide

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FEATURING

Hillsong: Let Hope Rise

REACHING A FALLEN WORLD



What examples do you see in the film as evidence that the world we live in is broken – not the way it was meant to be? Why are some people blind to their condition or their need for Jesus? What are the most unique and compelling ways Hillsong United reaches out to the lost?



Read Genesis 3:1-19; Romans 10:14; and Acts 17:16-34



What was life like for Adam and Eve before the curse? How do you see that curse working in the world today? Why is so much of the world still unreached by the Gospel? How did Paul use the Athenians' own culture to build a bridge to the gospel? How can we reach our own culture, particularly those who know little about the Bible?

HUMILITY



Why is pastor Brian Houston's strategy of building leadership in the church by putting other people "up front" a good way to build a church, as well as a good way to build godly character? What do the band members do to maintain their humility in the midst of such enthusiastic audiences?



Read James 3:13-18 and Philippians 3:3-4



How do you distinguish healthy ambitions from selfish ambitions? Why does James warn us against selfish ambition? What are some examples you have seen of James 3:16? What is humility? What steps can we take to practice humility and look out for the interests of others?

THE COST OF CALLING



It's easy to focus on the glamor and fun of being a popular worship band, but in what ways – physical, mental, and spiritual – is it costly for the band members to follow their calling? What does it cost their families? How can they know if it's "worth it"?



Read 2 Samuel 24:18-25; 2 Timothy 4:6-8; and John 3:16



Why is it important that sacrifices be costly? What are some examples of "so-called" sacrifices that people make which actually cost them nothing or very little? How would you describe Paul's attitude toward sacrificing his own life for the Gospel? How does God lead by example?

WORSHIP



What are some of the standards the band gives for acceptable worship songs? How does the band's experience of worship extend beyond the writing, playing, and singing of songs? What kinds of things, off-stage, do the band members do to lead others into a relationship with Jesus?



Read Luke 10:27; Isaiah 19:21; Romans 12:1-2; and Psalm 96:1-13



How can we love God in all four categories Jesus describes? What does "worship" mean to you? As you look over these scriptures, what are some behaviors associated with worship? Which forms of worship come easily to you? Which are more difficult? What can you do to begin to worship, or strengthen your worship, in new parts of your life?