

Living for Legacy **Living for Legacy.**

Part 1

Living Beyond Ourselves

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USING THIS SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

We have provided all the Scriptures referenced in the sermon and some discussion questions for you to use to facilitate a discussion.

This Sermon Discussion Guide is only a tool to aid you in meeting the needs of your group. For most groups, there are too many questions to answer in one session together.

While the questions are important, remember your group's goal is not to pound through the questions but to create an atmosphere that will foster true friendships, so use the discussion questions as you see fit, but emphasize the relationships.

Ecclesiastes 3:11

Yet God has made everything beautiful for its own time. He has planted eternity in the human heart.

Psalm 90:12 (TPT)

*Help us to remember that our days are numbered, and **help us to interpret our lives correctly...***

Legacy

1. what we invest in and build with our lives that will be passed on to others
2. The imprint and impact of our lives that will outlive us

John 17:4

*"I brought glory to you here on earth by **completing the work you gave me to do**"*

Acts 13:36

*Now when David had **served God's purpose in his own generation**, he fell asleep; he was buried with his ancestors and his body decayed*

Ephesians 2:21-22

In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.

1 Chronicles 28:9-11

“And Solomon, my son, learn to know the God of your ancestors intimately. Worship and serve him with your whole heart and a willing mind. For the LORD sees every heart and knows every plan and thought. If you seek him, you will find him. But if you forsake him, he will reject you forever. Consider now, for the LORD has chosen you to build a Temple as his sanctuary. Be strong, and do the work.”

4 Components to Build a Life of Legacy

1. KNOW HIM

KNOW = yada'

To know by experience, to make oneself known, to be acquainted with, to be intimate with

1 Chronicles 28:9 (AMP)

“As for you, Solomon my son, know the God of your father [have personal knowledge of Him, be acquainted with, and understand Him; appreciate, heed, and cherish Him]

Traits of those who know God intimately:

- A sacrificial love for others (*a love that exceeds convenience*)
- A lifestyle of generosity
- A life of faith, believing for more, living in a bigger world
- A love for His Church (the Bride)
- A love for mercy and cry for justice
- A heart for the nations
- A longing for heaven

2. SERVE HIM

3. SEEK HIM

“If you seek him, you will find him”

Jeremiah 29:13

You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.

Hebrew = *darash* : to frequent, to pursue, to create a well-worn path”

4. CONSIDER NOW

Consider -*ra'ah*: to look upon, to discern, distinguish and have vision for

- Do I know God, and am I on a personal journey to know Him more?
- Have I or am I in the process of discovering my purpose?
- Can I currently describe my life as one who is seeking after God?
- Am I an active participant in what Jesus is building in the earth and through my local church?

TALK IT THROUGH

1. Review this working definition of *legacy*.
 - ⇒ What we invest in and build with our lives that will be passed on to others.
 - ⇒ The imprint and impact of our lives that will outlive us.

Legacies can be positive or negative. We will all leave one. Who is someone that has left, or is leaving, a legacy that inspires you? What about their life is inspiring?

2. Read Ecclesiastes 3:11, below.

Yet God has made everything beautiful for its own time. He has planted eternity in the human heart.

Pastor Dave gave this quote that applies to each of us: “I’m here on purpose, for a purpose.” We’ve been wired for eternity; it’s been set in our hearts. Discuss this idea that *each of us*, and not just *some of us*, has this hard-wiring. Are you clear about your purpose?

3. If you know your purpose, how has that changed the way you live?

We were given four components necessary to build a life of legacy from 1 Chronicles 28:9-11. Read the passage (above) before moving to the next questions.

4. **Know Him** – Review this Hebrew definition for the word *know (yada)*: *to know by experience, to make oneself known, to be acquainted with, to be intimate with.*

This type of knowing is ever increasing, progressive. How would you describe your *knowing* of God at this time? What has brought about the greatest growth for you in your pursuit of knowing God?

5. **Serve Him** – Pastor Dave said the way we serve God is by serving people. What area are you currently serving in, and what led you to choosing it? Or, in what area would you like to start serving? What would be the first step in getting involved?

6. **Seek Him** – Read Jeremiah 29:13 and review the Hebrew definition for *seek*.
You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.

Seek (darash) = to frequent, to pursue, to create a well-worn path

“We can’t multitask. We’ll get caught up in what our eyes are focused on.” What do you think about this quote from Pastor Dave? How do we practically *seek* God, and what are obstacles we may experience? How can we keep focused and overcome the distractions, obstacles?

7. **Consider Now** - Review this Hebrew definition for the word *consider (ra’ah): to look upon, to discern, to distinguish and have vision for.*

Do you have a vision for the legacy God wants to leave through your life? If so, please share it with the group. If not, review these 4 questions Pastor Dave gave, and determine where you need to make an adjustment:

- Do I know God, and am I on a personal journey to know Him more?
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