

Living for Legacy **Living for Legacy.**

Living For Legacy – Part 2
Next Level Grace
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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.

1 Thessalonians 1:8

And now the word of the Lord is ringing out from you to people everywhere.... for wherever we go we find people telling us about your faith in God.

Genesis 12:3

*I will bless those who bless you and curse those who treat you with contempt. **All the families on earth will be blessed through you.***

FAMILIES / *mishpachah* = Nations, tribes, people groups

Acts 16:9-12

That night Paul had a vision: A man from Macedonia in northern Greece was standing there, pleading with him, "Come over to Macedonia and help us!" So we decided to leave for Macedonia at once, having concluded that God was calling us to preach the Good News there.

We boarded a boat at Troas and sailed straight across to the island of Samothrace, and the next day we landed at Neapolis. From there we reached Philippi, a major city of that district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. And we stayed there several days.

Philippians 4:15-16

As you know, you Philippians were the only ones who gave me financial help when I first brought you the Good News and then traveled on from Macedonia. No other church did this. Even when I was in Thessalonica you sent help more than once.

2 Corinthians 11:9

And when I was with you and didn't have enough to live on, I did not become a financial burden to anyone. For the brothers who came from Macedonia brought me all that I needed. I have never been a burden to you, and I never will be.

Philippians 1:5

for you have been my partners in spreading the Good News about Christ from the time you first heard it until now.

2 Corinthians 8:3-4

*For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability. Entirely on their own, they urgently pleaded with us for **the privilege of sharing in this service to the Lord's people.***

2 Corinthians 8:2 (GNT)

*They have been severely tested by the troubles they went through; but their joy was so great that they were extremely generous in their giving, **even though they are very poor.***

2 Important Elements for Living for Legacy

1. They were “all-in” with their commitment to Jesus.
2. They were “all-in” with their commitment to the Church.

2 Corinthians 8:5 (GNT)

*It was more than we could have hoped for! **First, they gave themselves to the Lord; and then, by God's will they gave themselves to us as well.***

2 Corinthians 8:1-4 (NKJV)

*Moreover, brethren, we make known to you the **grace of God bestowed on the churches of Macedonia: that in a great trial of affliction the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded in the riches of their liberality. For I bear witness that according to their ability, yes, and beyond their ability, they were freely willing, imploring us with much urgency that we would receive the gift...***

2 Corinthians 8:7 (NIV)

*But since you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in the love we have kindled in you—**see that you also excel in this grace of giving.***

2 Corinthians 9:8 (GNT)

*And God is able to give you more than you need, so that you will always have all you need for yourselves and **more than enough for every good cause.***

TALK IT THROUGH

1. What's the furthest place you've traveled to, and what was your reason for going (business, pleasure, missions, deployment . . .)?
2. Read Acts 16:9-12 together. In the vision, what did Paul hear? What was the need, and how did Paul and his companions respond? Notice how soon they left and *why*.
3. Whether it's a neighbor, co-worker, or another nation calling, what inner qualities and/or mental attitudes are likely resident within a person who is compelled to "leave at once" to bring help to others?
4. Briefly share about a time you were on the receiving end of much needed help.

5. Read Phil. 4:15-16, 2 Cor. 11:9, Phil. 1:5 and 2 Cor. 8:3-4 (above). Pastor Dave said of the church in Philippi (Macedonia) that “Those who once yelled ‘Help us!’ eventually said, ‘Let us help you!’” The church had a tremendous grace for giving, for living with an open hand. What do you think compelled them? How did receiving help from others inspire you? Did it change the way you live?
6. What are common deceptions we might have for why NOT to “leave at once” to help – to live with an open hand?
7. Now read together 2 Cor. 8:1-4 NKJV (above). Describe the conditions for the Philippian church, and yet, what they possessed that outweigh their conditions.
8. Pastor Dave said the key to having a grace to give is being “All in!” All in with Jesus, and all in with the Church’s mission. Have you given your “all” to Jesus in every area of your life? Is there an area where in you’d like to see growth for yourself?

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