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Big 4 Part 1

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 small group's goal is not to pound through the questions but to create an atmosphere that will foster true friendships, so knock yourself out with the discussion questions but spend more time laughing than answering the questions.

Proverbs 4:25-27

Look straight ahead, and fix your eyes on what lies before you. Mark out a straight path for your feet; stay on the safe path. Don't get sidetracked; keep your feet from following evil.

Isaiah 43:18-19

"Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland."

Forget / Remember not = Hebrew ZAKAR / = to not focus on or speak about / to not recognize/ to look in the other direction.

10 things to stop doing in 2017.

- 1) **Stop doing things that aren't working.**
- 2) **Stop investing in relationships that aren't taking you anywhere.**
- 3) **Stop trying to change other people.**
- 4) **Stop trying to please everybody.**
- 5) **Stop looking for the path of least resistance.**
- 6) **Stop procrastinating.**
- 7) **Stop expecting people to be Jesus for you!**
(Only Jesus can be what you need)
- 8) **Stop blaming everyone for where you are in life & make Jesus bigger than what's happened to you.**
(No victim mentality)
- 9) **Stop being so hard on yourself.**
(Live by grace)
- 10) **Stop doubting & Start believing.**
(All things are possible)

Matthew 6:33-34

But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you as well. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

Psalm 27:4&8

I'm asking God for one thing, only one thing: To live with him in his house my whole life long. I'll contemplate his beauty; I'll study at his feet. to marvel there at his goodness, and to ask for his guidance

Psalm 27:4&8

My heart has heard you say, "Come and talk with me." And my heart responds, "Lord, I am coming."

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What were some of your victories of 2016?
2. Did you make any New Year resolutions? How difficult has it been to stay the course on your new resolve?

3. What are some things you need to leave behind, and what do you need to lay hold of?
4. What have you been prioritizing in your life? Are those things taking up real-estate that should be earmarked for God's purposes?
5. How have you prioritized Loving God with all your heart, soul, and mind, and loving each other as you love yourself?
6. Do you have a story about seeking the Kingdom of God first and Him blessing you with an abundance?
7. What is the "one thing" you will live for in 2017?