



BIG4

THE MOST IMPORTANT THINGS
YOU CAN DO WITH YOUR LIFE

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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 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.

[Ecclesiastes 3:11]

"God has planted eternity in the human heart..."

"Surely God would not have created such a being as man to exist only for a day! No, no, man was made for immortality"

Abraham Lincoln

[Galatians 3:26- 27]

*For you are all children of God through faith in Christ Jesus. And now that you belong to Christ, you are the true children of Abraham. You are his heirs, and **God's promise to Abraham belongs to you.***

How do I make a difference?

1. Live for the bigger picture / connect your gifts and resources to others

[Matthew 5:14-16]

*“You’re here to be light, bringing out the God-colors in the world. God is not a secret to be kept. We’re going public with this, as public as a city on a hill. If I make you light-bearers, you don’t think I’m going to hide you under a bucket, do you? I’m putting you on a light stand. Now that I’ve put you there on a hilltop, on a light stand—shine! Keep open house; **be generous with your lives**. By opening up to others, you’ll prompt people to open up with God, this generous Father in heaven”*

2. Develop and use your unique gifts and talents

3. Seize the opportunities and serve in the church God has planted you!

4. Look for opportunities to serve your community beyond the ministries of the church

5. Start where you are & do whatever you can

6. Follow your passion and look for the new doors God is opening

7. Let God use the trials and setbacks of your life to inspire others

8. Build a life that will leave a legacy

Making a difference can be summed up in this one word "SERVE".

[Matthew 20:26-28]

“Whoever wants to be great must become a servant. Whoever wants to be first among you must be your slave. That is what the Son of Man has done: He came to serve, not be served—and then to give away his life in exchange for the many who are held hostage.”

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Do you remember the moment when you had this thought: "There must be more to life than just existing?" What have you done since that moment to discover your purpose?
2. What have you done to live for the bigger picture? To live beyond yourself?
3. What have you done to make a difference? If money was not an issue what would you like to do to make a difference?
4. If your going to start where you are, what is it you can do today to display Gods goodness through your life?
5. What failures or struggles have you walked through that someone else needs to hear about to navigate through their trial?
6. What legacy have you been given? Is that the legacy you want to leave? What is the legacy you want to leave?
7. Ask each other what your next step is in your walk with God. What can you begin to do now to prepare yourself for the moment God wants to use you to further His Kingdom?