

# People matter most.

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**Legacy 2021 Part 1—Living For Legacy  
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**USING THIS SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE**

We have provided all the Scriptures references in the sermon and some discussion questions for you to use to discuss the weekend message.

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. Give priority to the needs and pace of your group members.

While the questions are important, remember your group's goal is to create an atmosphere that will foster true friendships. Use the discussion questions as you see fit but emphasize the relationships.

***The first and the best belong to the Lord. When you take the first and lay it at His feet, He blesses the rest.***

***God doesn't give us the 'gravy' to drown in the 'gravy.' He wants us to 'pass the gravy.'***

**[Proverbs 11:24, MSG]**

The world of the generous gets larger and larger;  
the world of the stingy gets smaller and smaller.

***Life is an entrustment and a stewardship.***

***Maturity takes responsibility for others; immaturity causes us to be self-absorbed.***

**[2 Corinthians 5:10]**

For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each of us may receive what is due us for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad.

**[Romans 14:12, TPT]**

Therefore, each one must answer for himself and give a **personal account of his own life** before God.

**LIFE IS SHORT  
ETERNITY IS REAL  
PEOPLE MATTER MOST**

***“42% of people who attend a new church plant were previously unchurched”***

**LIFEWAY RESEARCH**

***“The vigorous, continual planting of new congregations is the single most crucial strategy for the numerical growth of the body of Christ in a city! The second is the continual corporate renewal and revival of the existing churches. Nothing else—not crusades, outreach programs, parachurch ministries, or special events will have the consistent impact of dynamic, extensive church planting”***

**Timothy Keller**

***When God starts building something, it doesn't stop with one generation.***

**[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 Stages to Building a Life of Legacy**

### **1. KNOW HIM**

**KNOW** = yada' - *ginosko*

To know by experience, to make oneself known, 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].”

***The more we know Him the more we become like Him and start to reflect Him. We start to look less at ourselves and want to extend His generosity.***

#### **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 a cry for justice
- A heart for the nations
- A longing for heaven

### **2. SERVE HIM**

***“Serve him with your whole heart and a willing mind...”***

***Serving without knowledge is dead religious work, and it will exhaust you; when you serve people with purpose, you earn authority in their lives.***

### **3. SEEK HIM**

***“If you seek him, you will find him.”*** (the well-worn path)

### **4. CONSIDER NOW**

<b>CONSIDER</b> = <i>ra'ah</i> : to look upon, to discern, distinguish and have vision for
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#### **FOR MONDAY—**

1. Consider ways to know God at a deeper level. Adjust your weekly interactions with Him to produce renewed intimacy.
2. Find a small way this week to practice intentional generosity.
3. Take the opportunity to model or teach someone else biblical generosity (i.e. children, coworker, or someone you mentor)

#### **FOR REFLECTION—**

1. Do I know God, and am I on a personal journey to know Him more? (***ginosko***) (***more than a head knowledge***)
2. Am I in the process of discovering my purpose and serving others with my gifts? If you are sitting on a dormant gift, how can you start
3. Can I currently describe my life as one who is diligently seeking after God?

4. Am I an active participant in what Jesus is building in the earth, through my local church?

### TALK IT THROUGH

1. When have you experienced, or been the recipient of, intentional generosity?
2. What does seed do over time when nourished? How have you seen any harvest or seasons of flourishing in your lifetime because of what you've sown into?
3. How are our lives both an entrustment and a stewardship?
4. How has God called you personally to build something significant for His glory? What do you want to do with your life that will impact people in this world? [Romans 14:12]
5. How have you seen unconscious mimicry at work in your life, parenting, profession, schools, and other areas? (You become like who you live with.)
6. Why is responsibility for others a sign of maturity? Who do you know that models this?
7. What do you understand the statement: "the church determines the speed of the vision?"
8. What do you think is next in your life? How has your perspective changed over the last couple years?
9. Why is serving a way to greatness? How do equipping and sowing into church plants factor into this?
10. What legacy would you like to practically leave? What path would that provide for others around you and that will follow?