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Legacy 2019 Part 3—A Life of Expansion

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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 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 get through the questions, but to create an atmosphere that will foster true friendships. Use the discussion questions as you see fit but emphasize the relationships.

[Luke 2:49, NKJV]

“Why were you searching for me?” he asked. “Didn’t you know that I must be about My Father’s business?”

Acts 13:36

For David, after he had served the purpose of God in his own generation, fell asleep and was buried among his fathers

Everyone is called to live out his or her God-given purpose.

- 1. Make Disciples**
- 2. Plant Churches**
- 3. Fill His House**

*The world of the generous gets larger and larger;
the world of the stingy gets smaller and smaller.
[Proverbs 11:24, MSG]*

*There's a false assumption that my resources are given for just
my consumption.*

*When, in faith, you do the ridiculous, God will do the miraculous.
The oil stops when we stop bringing God containers with which
to work his supernatural provision.*

MAIN ENEMIES TO EXPANSION:

1. Living with a closed hand

[2 Kings 4:1-2]

One day the wife of a man from the guild of prophets called out to Elisha, "Your servant my husband is dead. You well know what a good man he was, devoted to GOD. And now the man to whom he was in debt is on his way to collect by taking my two children as slaves."

Elisha said, "I wonder how I can be of help. Tell me, what do you have in your house?"

"Nothing," she said. "Well, I do have a little oil."

[2 Kings 4:3-4]

"Here's what you do," said Elisha. "Go up and down the street and borrow jugs and bowls from all your neighbors. And not just a few—all you can get. Then come home and lock the door behind you, you and your sons. Pour oil into each container; when each is full, set it aside."

[2 Kings 4:5-6]

She did what he said. She locked the door behind her and her sons; as they brought the containers to her, she filled them. When all the jugs and bowls were full, she said to one of her sons, “Another jug, please.”

[2 Kings 4:6]

*Then her son replied, “That’s it. There are no more jugs.”
Then the oil stopped flowing.*

When we quit bringing vessels to more opportunities, the oil stops flowing.

2. An underestimation of our contribution

[Romans 5:5, MSG]

We’re never left feeling shortchanged. Quite the contrary—we can’t round up enough containers to hold everything God generously pours into our lives through the Holy Spirit!

FOR MONDAY—

- 1. Journal a list of things God has expanded in your life (finances, influences, purpose, relationships, etc.), since you’ve been following Jesus.**
- 2. Get the Legacy handout before you and ask God to reveal how He wants your family to participate.**
- 3. Thank someone who has personally impacted your faith and pointed you to Jesus.**

TALK IT THROUGH

- 1. Do you feel like your life is expanding or shrinking? How so?**

- 2. Thinking about the life of David described in Acts 13.36, what does it look like to serve the purposes of God in this generation? What would you want on your epitaph?**
- 3. What are you trusting Jesus with right now? In other words, what are your vessels? What more significant sacrifices have you thought and prayed through?**
- 4. When have you underestimated your contribution, only to find its incredible impact?**
- 5. What is something that you wish you could “do for the one” that you wish you could do for everyone else? How can you take some action on that this week?**