

Legacy 2021 Part 4—People Matter Most Pastor Dave Patterson 12.05.2021

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.

God, what do you want to do through me?

[Proverbs 11:24, MSG]

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

"Simple, obedient action steps of faith release supernatural results in our lives."

Every story starts with prayer and practical faith.

THE PROCESS

- God speaks.
- Faith comes.
- We respond in obedience and simplicity.
- The supernatural results are released.

"Our lives are lived moving forward, but can only really be understood looking backwards"

Søren Kierkegaard (theologian from the 1800's)

There is something more precious than silver or gold—it's the lives of transformed people.

[Genesis 22:17-18]

I will certainly bless you. I will multiply your descendants beyond number, like the stars in the sky and the sand on the seashore. Your descendants will conquer the cities of their enemies. And through your descendants all the nations of the earth will be blessed—all because you have obeyed me."

[Genesis 22:4-5]

On the third day of their journey, Abraham looked up and saw the place in the distance. "Stay here with the donkey," Abraham told the servants. "The boy and I will travel a little farther. **We will worship** and then we will come back to you."

Give to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering and come into his courts.

Psalm 96:8

FOR MONDAY—

- 1. Take a step of simple obedience—tune in to what the Holy Spirit is saying to you or your family, and give your "yes."
- 2. Enlarge your world by practicing generosity. [Proverbs 11:24]
- 3. Pray for someone who is not here at the church yet.

TALK IT THROUGH

- **1.** What is on the other side of simple obedience? Why is follow-through still a struggle for some? What are some examples of supernatural results that followed?
- **2.** What are some "open doors" that you have walked through, and how did it impact your world?

- 3. What step of trust is God asking you to live out right now?
- **4.** In your life, who are some people that are not in church right now that you continue to pray for, invite, and reach out to? Who have you seen move from a prayer target on-paper to a spiritual reality among us? (At TFH, "Names in the Box")
- **5.** Consider Genesis 22 and the first mention of worship. What does it look like to worship God with our giving? What is prophetically significant in this situation?
- **6.** Why are the things that God asks us to do often counter intuitive?
- **7.** How is every answered prayer a result of a simple step of faith? What is the process of supernatural release?