

“The Last Drop”
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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.

[Joshua 3:1-3, ESV]

1 Then Joshua rose early in the morning and they set out from Shittim. And they came to the Jordan, he and all the people of Israel, and lodged there before they passed over. **2** At the end of three days the officers went through the camp **3** and commanded the people, “As soon as you see the ark of the covenant of the Lord your God being carried by the Levitical priests, then you shall set out from your place and follow it...”

On the other side of following the Ark, you experience wonders.

[Joshua 3:5, ESV]

5 ...“Consecrate yourselves, for tomorrow the Lord will do **wonders** among you.”

Wonders = pālā' = **amazement, surprise, a display of awesome power**

**God wants to display His awesome
power in and through us, to the world around us.**

[Acts 1:8, ESV]

But you will receive **power (dynamis: “mighty deed, miracle”)** when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.

The power is for a purpose.

[1 Corinthians 4:20, ESV]

For the kingdom of God does not consist in talk but in **power (dynamis)**.

[Joshua 3:5, ESV]

5 Then Joshua said to the people, “Consecrate yourselves, **FOR tomorrow the Lord WILL do wonders among you.**”

consecrate = to mark something or someone as “set apart, belonging to God”

[2 Timothy 2:20-21, ESV]

20 Now in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and silver but also of wood and clay, some for honorable use, some for dishonorable. **21** Therefore, if anyone cleanses himself from what is **dishonorable (Grk. “atimia”: disgrace, shame, base lusts, vile passions)**, he will be a vessel for honorable use, set apart as holy (consecrated)...

Consecration in action: Cleansing ourselves and taking the initiative to set ourselves apart from the dishonorable ways of the world.

The call of consecration is a high cost, but with a little bit of eternal perspective, we see that it is worth it.

[2 Timothy 2:21, ESV]

...useful to the master of the house, ready for every good work.

All of us want to be used for the honorable things of God. You can be a garbage can or a grail—the choice is yours.

[Ephesians 4:31-32, NLT]

31 Get rid of all bitterness, rage, anger, harsh words, and slander, as well as all types of evil behavior. **32** Instead, be kind to each other, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God through Christ has forgiven you.

[Ephesians 5:3-4, NLT]

3 Let there be no sexual immorality, impurity, or greed among you. Such sins have no place among God's people. **4** Obscene stories, foolish talk, and coarse jokes—these are not for you. Instead, let there be thankfulness to God.

[Philippians 2:14, NLT]

14 Do everything without complaining and arguing

[Luke 6:27-28, NLT]

27 “But to you who are willing to listen, I say, love your enemies! Do good to those who hate you. **28** Bless those who curse you. Pray for those who hurt you.

Your life is intended to be a vessel for the Master's purposes, so it's in the Master's purposes where your life will find true significance.

[2 Timothy 4:6-7, ESV]

6 For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. **7** I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.

[2 Timothy 4:8, NLT]

And now the prize awaits me—the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give me on the day of his return. And the prize is not just for me but for all who eagerly look forward to his appearing.

FOR MONDAY—

1. Express gratitude to God for where He has already taken you, and ask Him about what's next. Devote enough time to do both in one sitting.
2. Figure out what you personally need to do to consecrate your life as a vessel for God to use you.

TALK IT THROUGH

1. What is something you have needed to prepare for, and how did that readiness pay off?
2. How do we get ready for what God is going to do next? In other words, how do we “follow the Ark”? Where can we look to discover what those things are?
3. If there are so many Christians in the world, why are we not seeing as many miracles?
4. In Joshua 3:1-5 we see that God is going to work His wonders according to a plan He's already put into place. How can we today tell when God is about to make a move?

5. Why is the season we're in as a church so significant right now? What do we think God is going to do next?
6. What are some vessels that you have in your home? Where do you keep or store them, and what are they set aside for?
7. What are some little prices to be paid (or stewarded) now in order for us to experience the bigger picture in relationships?
8. Will you be ready for Him to use your story? (Your time? Your life? Your family?) Do you feel like your life has purpose?
9. What is the purpose of the "dynamis" power described in Acts 1:8? What is the "prize" that awaits, and who will receive it?
10. How does the Apostle Paul's perspective to Timothy in 2 Timothy 4 speak to this idea of "the last drop"? Flash forward, what could it look like for your life to be poured out completely?