



## TAKE YOUR LIFE TO THE NEXT LEVEL

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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 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.~~

**John 10:10** - 4 varying translations for the idea of the Abundant Life:

... Rich and satisfying life ...

... Have and enjoy life to the full, until it overflows ...

... More and better life than they ever dreamed of ...

... Give you everything in abundance, more than you expect, life in its fullness ...

**2 Cor 6:11-13 (MSG)**

Dear, dear Corinthians, I can't tell you how much I long for you to enter this wide-open, spacious life. We didn't fence you in. The smallness you feel comes from within you. Your lives aren't small, but you're living them in a small way. I'm speaking as plainly as I can and with great affection. Open up your lives. Live openly and expansively!

**Definition of "Taking your life to the next level."**

"Taking your life to the next level requires a breaking out, a letting go, a stepping up, and allowing things to unfold at God's pace, ways and timing."

**Rev 4:1 (CEV)**

After this, I looked and saw a door that opened into heaven. Then the voice that had spoken to me at first and that sounded like a trumpet said, “Come up here! I will show you what must happen next.”

### TALK IT THROUGH

1. Pastor Frank said “If you don’t like your life right now, you can change it.” What’s one thing you’d like to change about your life?
2. Read aloud the different translations for this phrase in John 10:10 (see above). What is your first response to these descriptions of “abundant life”? Is this type of life possible for you? Why or why not?
3. God’s path to the abundant life isn’t usually the path we’d choose. Pastor Frank credits God with another name: Jehovah Sneaky! Discuss some of the “ways” or paths God has used in your journey that have resulted in blessing and maturity, but are ones you never would have selected.
  - Remember, He is not forming a way of ease, but a person of maturity who can handle the abundant life.
4. Read 2 Cor. 6:11-13 (MSG) Our lives aren’t small but we often live them in a small way. What are some things that fence you in? What would it look like for you to live more openly and expansively?
5. Read Rev. 4:1 (CEV) Pastor Frank shared the original meaning of some of the words in this passage for us: After this (Pause). Look (Fixation of faith). A door (a vault in to a king’s treasury). Come up here (a higher level). Next (something carried beyond former limits). How do the original word meanings help unpack this passage for you?
6. What can we do this week to apprehend this idea of “come up here”?