From the Chaos Pastor Dave Patterson 4.19.2020

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.

Chaos = disorder and confusion, unpredictability of future circumstances, uncertainty of future direction

[Genesis 1:1-2, MSG]

"First this: God created the Heavens and Earth—all you see, all you don't see. Earth was a soup of nothingness, a bottomless emptiness, an inky blackness. God's Spirit brooded like a bird above the watery abyss...Then God spoke."

CHAOS—HOLY SPIRIT ACTIVITY—FORMATION—CREATION

[Acts 8:1-3, NLT]

Saul was one of the witnesses, and he agreed completely with the killing of Stephen. A great wave of persecution began that day, sweeping over the church in Jerusalem; and all the believers except the apostles were scattered through the regions of Judea and Samaria. ² Some devout men came and buried Stephen with great mourning. ³ But Saul was going everywhere to destroy the church. He went from house to house, dragging out both men and women to throw them into prison.

[Acts 8:4-8]

But the believers who were scattered preached the Good News about Jesus wherever they went. ⁵ Philip, for example, went to the city of Samaria and told the people there about the Messiah. ⁶ Crowds listened intently to Philip because they were eager to hear his message and see the miraculous signs he did. ⁷ Many evil spirits were cast out, screaming as they left their victims. And many who had been paralyzed or lame were healed. So there was great joy in that city.

[2 Corinthians 4:13, TPT]

We have the same Spirit of faith that is described in the Scriptures when it says, "First I believed, then I spoke in faith."

So we also first believe then speak in faith.

What you do in the chaos determines what comes out of the chaos. - Pastor Dave

FOR MONDAY—

- 1. Welcome the Holy Spirit into the chaos.
- 2. Look for the redemptive story God is wanting you to be a part of.
- 3. Speak to the chaos.

TALK IT THROUGH

- 1. What does the word "chaos" bring to mind? What feels chaotic and what feels in order for your life right now?
- 2. When chaos hits your life, how do you identify and how do you respond?
- 3. How do we lift up our eyes to see the bigger picture of what God is doing? What does that practically look like?
- 4. What you do in the chaos, determines what comes out of it. What do you see happening in our nation, our church, or in your family to bring something good out of the chaos?
- 5. What is your redemptive story? How is God using the chaos in your life to orchestrate something glorious?
- 6. Spend a moment declaring some significant things God will do for globally, in the Body of Christ, or for you personally.