

TENT PEGS

MAKING ROOM FOR MORE

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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 small group's goal is not to pound through the questions but to create an atmosphere that will foster true friendships, so knock yourself out with the discussion questions but spend more time laughing than answering the questions.

[Ephesians 2:10]

*For we are God's handiwork, His masterpiece, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which **God prepared in advance for us to do.***

Thesis:

God has more for us than we can imagine or ask for (*Ephesians 3:20*) and when we make room for 'the more of God,' He fills the space!

[Isaiah 54:2-4]

“Enlarge the place of your tent, stretch your tent curtains wide, do not hold back; lengthen your cords, strengthen your stakes. For you will spread out to the right and to the left; your descendants will dispossess nations and settle in their desolate cities. Do not be afraid; you will not be put to shame.”

[Galatians 4:28]

Now you, my friends, are children of the promise, like Isaac.

[2 Corinthians 10:13]

*“We, however, will not boast beyond **measure**, but within **the limits of the sphere which God appointed us...**”*

<p>grk. METRON = a measured boundary, a potential inheritance, a capacity, the limits that God has set</p>

[Exodus 3:7-10]

*The Lord said, “I have indeed seen the misery of my people... I have heard them crying out... and I am concerned about them”
So I have come down to rescue them from the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land into **a good and spacious land.***

4 keys to enlarging your capacity (*moving your tent pegs*)

1. Come close to the fire of God and Listen

[Exodus 3:3]

Moses said to himself, “This is amazing, why isn’t that bush burning up? I must go see it.” When **the LORD saw Moses coming to take a closer look**, God called to him from the middle of the bush, “Moses! Moses!”

2. Replace your “Who am I?” with “Who is with me?”

[Exodus 3:11]

“But Moses said to God, who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?”

[Exodus 3:12]

“...But I’ll be with you.”

[Exodus 3:14]

God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM,” and he said, “You shall tell the children of Israel this: ‘I AM has sent me to you.’”

3. Replace the negative “What if?” with “What if God?”

[Exodus 4:1]

Moses answered, “What if they do not believe me or listen to me and say, ‘The Lord did not appear to you’?”

4. Replace your “send someone else” to “here I am, send me”

[Exodus 4:12]

“Now go! I will be with you as you speak, and I will instruct you in what to say.” But Moses again pleaded, “Lord, please! Send someone else.”

[Isaiah 54:4]

Don't be afraid—you're not going to be put to shame.
Don't hold back—you're not going to come up short.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. **When was the last time you pitched a tent?**
2. **In what ways is God stretching our church? What stretching is God calling you to as it pertains to these things?**
3. **Have you ever thought there must be more to life than what you are living in now? What happened that caused you to ponder this thought?**
4. **What area of your life have you grown “comfortable” that God may be asking you to stretch in?**
5. **What limitations are holding you back from expansion? Who is the author of those limitations?**
6. **As you increase your capacity you will surely be blessed but who else would benefit from your stretching?**
7. **What are your “what if” excuses for staying in your comfortable life? Spend sometime talking about the “what if God” scenarios to your future.**
8. **What can you do this week to begin stretching your area to the limits God has set for you?**