Made for More: Dream Bigger

Pastor Derek Sanford

February 10, 2019

**Life Group Discussion Questions:**

1. Thinking back on this week’s sermon, was there a particular point or passage that challenged you, confused you, or caught your attention?
2. **Read Hebrews 11:1, 8-19**. What parts of God’s calling for Abraham did he get to experience in his lifetime? What parts did he miss that God fulfilled later?
3. Share a situation where you or someone you know had faith as described in Verse 1, “assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen”.
4. **Read Philippians 3:12-14**. How does Paul deal with disappointment and failure in these verse? What motivated him to move forward?
5. What are some things that help you to stop looking backward and begin to move forward?
6. **Read Ephesians 2:10**. What is this verse saying? How does this relate to dreaming bigger?
7. What are some barriers for you to dream bigger and truly go after that dream?

**Next Steps:**

Write out a few sentences that describe God’s calling/mission for your life. This statement should be separate from any job or roles (ie. Parent, child, friend) that you may have. At the end of your life, what do you hope people will say about how you lived your life?

**Prayer Thought:**

Write out your Big Dream on a notecard. Trade it with someone in the group. Pray silently or out loud for each other’s dreams.

MADE FOR MORE: Find Your Why

John Tiernan

February 17, 2019

**Life Group Discussion Questions:**

1. Thinking back on this week’s sermon, was there a particular point or passage that challenged you, confused you, or caught your attention?
2. **Read Acts 26:1-11.** What does Paul say about his life before Christ that makes his transformation after meeting Christ so remarkable?
3. **Read Acts 26:12-23.**  After Paul met Jesus, his purpose and calling totally changed. Why do you think Paul was so willing to pursue the heavenly vision he received from Jesus? What about Paul’s example inspires you?
4. **Read 2 Corinthians 5:14-15.** These are Paul’s words to the Christians in Corinth describing how his relationship with Jesus has become his unstoppable WHY – the driving force of his life and ministry. How does your relationship with Jesus affect your sense of purpose? How does anchoring our purpose in Jesus change how we approach our lives and pursue our calling? What is one thing you can do this week to anchor your purpose in Jesus?
5. **Read Romans 1:1, Philippians 2:5-8.** Paul called himself a servant of Christ. Would you call yourself a servant of Christ? Why or why not? What characteristics describe Jesus as our example of a servant in Philippians? Which of these characteristics is the most difficult for you to practice?
6. **Read Ephesians 3:7-8.** Paul was called to preach the gospel to the Gentiles. Why would this have been intimidating for Paul? What was the result of his obedience to his calling from Jesus? Have you ever been intimidated by something Jesus was calling you to do? What was it? If you did it anyway, how did you see God at work through your obedience?
7. What would you have to start doing or stop doing in order to more passionately pursue your calling from Jesus in this next season of your life?

**Next Steps**: a) As a result of this study what is one thing God is calling you to do? If you’re comfortable, share that with your group and ask them to pray with you.

b) Register for “Find Your Calling” – maybe make plans to go as a group

**Prayer Thought:** Following the ACTS method, have your group take some time to **ADORE** and thank Jesus for being the only One worthy to serve. Then ask them to silently **CONFESS** ways they have served lesser purposes and missed their true calling. Next **THANK** Jesus for calling us to serve Him and giving us the gifts and strength to serve and, finally, **SAY WHAT YOU NEED** and ask Him to do His work in you to allow your gifts and service to bless others.

Made for More: Start Small

Pastor Derek Sanford

Date: February 24, 2019

**Life Group Discussion Questions:**

1. Thinking back on this week’s sermon, was there a particular point or passage that challenged you, confused you, or caught your attention?
2. We heard in the sermon that a remarkable life is built by a thousand seemingly unremarkable steps on a daily and weekly basis. Do you look at all those little steps as leading to a remarkable life? What can we do to help this statement impact our life?
3. Read **Matthew 25:14-30**. What did the Master call the investment of the 5 talents and 3 talents? What would be the results of handling this little task well? How have you seen this principle of being given more responsibility if you are faithful with the little things lived out in your life? How has this truth impacted how you respond to the “little” things? What happens to the person who isn’t faithful to the little things? How do you think the man who lost his one talent felt? Can you relate to the regret he must have felt?
4. Read **1 Peter 4:10-11**. Share how you have seen God using you in the area of your gifts in the last few months.
5. Watch and discuss this you tube video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3CHSb_yP4BY>

**Next Steps: Celebrate as a group the gifts God has given each member.**

**Prayer Thought:**

* **ADORATION:** Pray of prayer of praise to God for how God is using your group for Him.
* **CONFESSION:**  Confess little ways you could have served him but missed the opportunity.
* **THANKSGIVING:** Thank Jesus for sending the Holy Spirit to empower you with spiritual gifts.
* **SUPPLICATION:** Ask God to use in all kinds of ways to glorify him and help others.

**Suggested Memory Verse: 1 Peter 2:9** *But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellences of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.*