

LifeGroup Shepherd Guide

September 8th VISION 2020 - "The Philosophy of our Journey."



Quick Review

Look back from your sermon notes – was there anything you heard for the first time? What caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

Introduction

1. We've heard it said that in order to "see God's future vision" we must look first at "God's past faithfulness." Looking back and remembering key moments in our life is often times important to put into perspective the things that happen later in our life. Which of these milestone life events stands out the most when you put life into perspective?

High School Graduation Buying Your First Car Receiving Your First Paycheck

Your Wedding Day Your First Day of College Moving Out of Parent's House

Digging IN

This week we heard a message about the journey that God wants to take us on. In order to do that we needed to be reminded of God's past faithfulness, and God's current strategy. Pastor Jeff talked about 3 things when it comes to God's current strategy: Purpose – Philosophy – Programs. Read the following passages and answer the questions below:

Purpose: Matthew 28:19-20, Mark 16:15, Acts 1:8

- 1. In a sentence or two, how would you sum up these passages in your own words?
- 2. Jeff said the statement, "The Church is God's plan A, there is no Plan B." Where does this idea come from and what does it mean? What comes to mind when you hear that statement?

Philosophy: Matthew 4:19

- 1. In a sentence or two, how would you sum up these passages in your own words?
- 2. How might any of these things play out in a person's life?
- 3. What keeps you from doing this?
- 4. Pastor Jeff summarized the philosophy of Grace Powell Church in a few different ways. Which one did you resonate with the most and why?

Direction - Transformation - Reproduction

Relational - Intentional - Missional

Connect - Grow - Reach

Programs:

1.	Pastor Jeff talked about the danger of bypassing philosophy and going straight to programs. What are
	some of the dangers of establishing a program even if it meets a common purpose without assessing the
	philosophy?

2. What current programs at GPC help us fulfill our Purpose and Philosophy?

Looking back on this week's sermon and study, what's most important for you to remember?

	Praise / Prayer Requests	
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