

LifeGroup Study Sheet

January 8th, 2023 – 3 Goals for God's Servant

This guide is designed to give helpful hints in preparing for your group discussion.

Quick Review

Look back from your sermon notes – Was there anything that particularly challenged you from this sermon? Anything you didn't understand, agree with or connect with?

Introduction

Describe a time in your life where you were at the exact right place, at the exact right time. A time where you knew that God had put you there for a specific reason. Share it with your group.

Digging In

Question 1: Read Acts 2:17-24 and Romans 12:1-2. Pastor Jeff said that one of the goals of every Christ-follower in their mission is to “renew your mind.” Based on both passages, specifically verse 24 in Acts and verse 2 in Romans, what do you think that looks like? Why does how you think about your life matter as it relates to what Jesus has done for you? In what ways does the world try to redefine or get you to rethink the way you should use your time, money, and gifting?

Question 2: Read Acts 2:24 and 2 Timothy 4:7. Pastor Jeff mentioned that the second goal that every Christ follower should have is to “run your race.” **Verse 24** specifically says that Paul will finish the course and ministry that He received from Jesus. Our race and ministry is now determined by Jesus for you. How is your race going? Have you identified what it is? How do you determine if you're on the correct course?

Question 3: Read Acts 2:24. Pastor Jeff stated that to prove you're a servant of God, the third goal is to “do your job.” Every single Christ-follower has the same mission, “to testify to the gospel of God's grace.” (**v.24**) The Gospel is the power of God that changes people into new creations (**Romans 1:16**). In what ways are you “testifying” to the Gospel to those around you? Have you ever thought about how you would do this in the race that you're currently running? In what ways could you intentionally, specifically, and openly do this in your realm of influence?

Question: 4: Pastor Jeff gave 4 ways that our testimony as Christ-followers should look. Reflect of these 4 things and allow God to challenge you in the ways you are falling short. Share with your group how God has challenged you!

1. I am servicing God's Church.

2. I am **teaching** God's Word.
3. I am **declaring** God's Gospel.
4. I am **following** God's Spirit.

Taking it Home

Pastor Jeff challenged us with an illustration at the end of the sermon. The Buffalo Bills player's life was saved because an athletic trainer gave him immediate CPR. The trainer has simply said he was "just doing his job." The world around us has people that are dying spiritually speaking from sin, outside of a relationship with Jesus. Pray about your realm of influence and the relationships in your life. Ask God to bring to your mind and heart one person that you can help "spiritually resuscitate." Now go "do your job."

Praise / Prayer Requests

Pray for your group with these things in mind:

Adoration – How can I praise God for what this teaches me?

Confession – What sin can I confess because of what this teaches me?

Thanksgiving – How can I thank God for what Jesus has done?

Supplication – What do I need to ask of God in order to grow in light of this?