

Heart for the House – Let's Go Pastor Dave Patterson | 03.10.2024

USING THIS SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

We have provided all the Scriptures references in the sermon and some discussion questions for you to use to discuss the weekend message.

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. Give priority to the needs and pace of your group members.

While the questions are important, remember your group's goal is to create an atmosphere that will foster true friendships. Use the discussion questions as you see fit but emphasize the relationships.

[Matthew 20:28]

For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many."

[Luke 2:49]

"Did you not know that I must be about My Father's business?"

[Matthew 6:24-34]

"Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than

they? Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life? "And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you? — oh you of little faith. So do not worry, saying, "What shall we eat?" or "What shall we drink?" or "What shall we wear?" For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father already knows that you need them. But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

[Matthew 28:18-20]

Jesus came and told his disciples, "I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

[Acts 1:4, 8-9]

"Do not leave Jerusalem until the Father sends you the gift he promised, as I told you before... "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.

[Matthew 24:10-14]

At that time many will turn away from the faith and will betray and hate each other, Sin will be rampant everywhere, and the love of many will grow cold. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached throughout the whole world, so that all nations will hear it; and then the end will come.

"Life Is Short, Eternity Is Real & People Matter Most."

Key Points:

- 1. Serving
- 2. Giving
- 3. Going

Application for the Week:

Pastor Dave asked, "Are you more about God's business or more about your own business?" This week, ask God to show you any areas you may need to change and adjust to be more about His business. Take your next step by serving others by joining the Dream Team (Click HERE) or going on an Impact Trip (Click HERE).

Discussion Questions

- 1. Briefly share a time or experience that truly made you fall in love with the Church.
- 2. What are some things God has in store for you that you can access by serving, giving, and going?
- 3. Why do you think humanity is prevalently consumers and not givers?
- 4. What does it take to be about "The Father's Business?" Considering the rhythm of your life, do you or your family need to make any changes to accomplish this?
- 5. What are some things we need to unlearn as we center ourselves and grow in Christ?
- 6. Who are some people you might need to reconcile a relationship with or step out of your comfort zone to reach them with God's love?
- 7. What lifestyle did Jesus model for us to follow today? How does serving make us more like Jesus?
- 8. How can you personally reach the ends of the earth, extending the global reach of the Gospel?



H4TH BOOK: QUESTIONS TO THINK ABOUT

Chapter 1 – WHY WE EXIST

- What is the Mission of The Father's House? (Page 15)
- What does it look like for you personally to be on mission for Jesus?
- How does your life calling, goals, talents, and gifts align with the "Great Commission" Jesus spoke about in Matthew 28-18-20?
- How can you purposely align your heart with The Father's House mission?

Chapter 2 – VISION: THE CHURCH WE SEE

- What is the Vision of The Father's House? (Page 22)
- How have you personally experienced the vision of TFH?
- Pastor Dave wrote about the church he sees. (Pages 25- 27). What points really resonated and grabbed your attention? Why?
- How can you purposely align your heart with The Father's House vision?

Chapter 3 - LOCAL CHURCH: IT'S A BIG DEAL

- What stood out the most to you from this chapter?
- How does God build His church through you and me?
- If the Church is a big deal to Jesus, why should the church be a big deal to us?

Chapter 4 – BELONG

- Do you believe the community the early church found can be replicated today? Why or why not?
- Have you experienced true authenticity with a group or another individual? If yes, how did that experience help your spiritual growth?
- What benefits have you experienced being committed and connected to a TFH group?

<u>Chapter 5 – PRESENCE</u>

- What stood out the most to you from this chapter?
- There are three keys to living your life in the presence of God:
 - 1. Repentance, 2. Feed your God-given desire for His presence, and
 - 3. Be intentional about making a place for His presence. How have you seen God's presence increase in your life when you applied these three keys?
- God's presence changes everything. How can you make your home a place where the presence of God will abide? (Page 74)

<u>Chapter 6 – GROW</u>

- Pastor Dave said, "You cannot survive in the spirit if you do not have a steady diet of the Word of God." Why is it important to be in the Word of God each day?
- Our faith is directly connected to the Bible. How can you grow in faith, grace, and victory? (Page 79 83)
- What practical steps must you take to have an "always lifestyle"? Always hearing, reading, and going deeper in the Word of God. (Page 84 – 86)
- Have you gotten sidetracked or become stagnant in pursuing God's Word? What next steps do you need to take to grow and go deeper in God's Word?

<u>Chapter 7 – GENEROSITY</u>

- How have you been impacted by someone's radical generosity?
- The Bible has verse after verse that speaks to how God is committed to resourcing the "resourcers." How have you personally experienced this in your life?
- Generosity goes far beyond giving our money, and it is not a financial position; it
 is a heart condition. How can we be more generous with what we have
 (resources, time, talents, and more)?

<u>Chapter 8 – EXCELLENCE</u>

- What stood out the most to you from this chapter?
- Think about a time when you experienced excellence, which made a lasting impression on you. How did that experience impact you?
- What does excellence look like in your life, and where can you see yourself moving from mediocrity to excellence?
- How does bringing our best reflect the nature and character of God to the world around us?

Chapter 9 – OUR CITY

- Actions speak louder than words. How can we show the tangible love of Jesus to our city?
- What does faith look like in the public? How is serving others tied to living a life of faith?
- Invest your most precious commodity, your time, to serve the "least of these" and help reveal Jesus to a hurting word. Have you found a place to serve?

<u>Chapter 10 – GO</u>

- What stood out the most to you from this chapter?
- Have you been involved in a local or global Impact Trip where you crossed cultural barriers and economic classes, leaving your comfort zone and entering your faith zone? Briefly share what that was like.
- Jesus said, "Go." Have you considered partnering with Global Reach or going on an Impact Trip to another nation?
- *For More Information, direct your group members to www.tfh.org/globalreach