

Weekly Study

What Does God Have for Me Next? | Doug Wekenman | June 26, 2022

**A note to leaders: there have been two additional questions added to the “grow” and “move” portions of the Weekly entitled ‘Dive Deeper’. This is designed for you to help guide your group into deeper relationship with Jesus and each other, and take an additional step for owning their relationship with Jesus throughout their week.*

S T A R T

Go around and check in with your group with the following questions:

- What was the best part of your week?
- What is the most impactful or challenging thing you learned during Sunday’s sermon?
- What did that thing teach you about God? About yourself?

S H A R E

This weekend Doug wrapped up our Grit series with a powerful message about what God has for us next. He compared the story of Joshua to the story of Moses and showed us that oftentimes, God requires different things from his people in different seasons of life. Moses lifted his staff over the Red Sea and then marched through it on dry ground; Joshua and the Israelites had to go step into the water and follow the presence of God where they had never been before. The faith that got you to the current point you’re in may not necessarily be the faith that gets you where God wants to take you in the future. He shared three keys to a prepared heart posture: patience for the process, obedience in the obscurity and confidence in the calling. When we bring these things to God, he’ll bring the plans and together, you will be able to design your future.

G R O W

Read 2 Timothy 1:17.

The spirit that God gave us is not one that makes us fearful or timid; rather, he instills us with power, love and self-discipline. When God calls us to extraordinary things it will require a new level of courage — but it’s possible because the spirit of God is alive in all who claim Him as their Lord and Savior. Your ability to set yourself apart and witness the uncommon in your life is wholly dependent on His power at work in you, and because of that, you can be confident. Look back and let his past work in your life build your confidence as he faithfully writes the next chapter of your life.

- Share about an experience in your past where God proved himself faithful to you. How have you seen that build your confidence in Him?
- What is the situation in your life right now that is causing you to doubt his faithfulness? What conclusions are you able to draw when you compare the ways He has been faithful in the past?
- *Dive Deeper:* if you identify similarities between you and someone else in your group, make a commitment to get together this week for coffee or a meal and dig into God's word as you encourage each other. Changing thoughts and behaviors are always easier when done with someone else!

MOVE

Read Hebrews 12:1.

In this passage, the writer of Hebrews is encouraging us to not only consecrate ourselves from the sin that easily entangles us, but also the things that hinder us — the common things that will prevent us from fully participating in the ways that God is moving in our lives. We want to be a church that does not allow the lack of obedience in the obscurity to be the lid for how God wants to move in and through us.

Doug also reminded us that sin isn't something to mess around with and simply call a bad habit, because if you keep it too close for too long it will eventually turn on you and create more pain than you believed it could. An uncommon destiny requires uncommon discipline — and when God is calling you to extraordinary things, he will ask you to do extraordinary things. Consecrating ourselves today will lead to us witnessing amazing things from God, which is something to get excited about.

- What do you want to see God do in and through your life?
- What are the common things you're being asked to set aside? What comes to your mind when you think of the "things that hinder, and the sin that so easily entangles"?
- *Dive Deeper:* When you think about setting yourself apart, what apprehensions or fears come to mind? Take time this week to find a Bible verse that you can memorize to combat those fears as you learn to trust God's future for your life even more deeply.

P R A Y

Spend some time sharing prayer requests. If you are in a co-ed group, consider breaking up into separate groups to share more freely.

- Ask the Holy Spirit to give you the courage to say yes to His plans for your life, even if it requires a great deal of patience or obedience.
- Ask the Holy Spirit to give you the name of one person this week that He wants you to step out and engage with, and the courage to be obedient to whatever He brings to your mind.