



What Does God Have Planned for Me Next? | Doug Wekenman | 6.26.22

### Weekly Study

## SHARE

Welcome back! This weekend we continued our series of messages called “Grit”. Doug gave a message that reminded us that *when God is about to DO extraordinary things, he calls us TO extraordinary things*. God is us inviting into a deeper relationship with him as he prepares us for what he has ahead, and it requires grit. But remember, there is a gritty person of faith that you already are in Christ, and now we get to learn how to live like we know that it’s true.

Before we dive in, take some time to check in with your group and ask the following question:

How did you experience God’s presence this week?

## GROW

### Read Jeremiah 29:11-13

If you have spent any time in church, you most likely have heard this scripture before. This week Doug reminded us of the invitation to come closer to God by seeking him in our story. It is a beautiful promise from God to us through the Israelites. The Lord desires the best for us even though we may walk far from Him. Our relationship with God is most important to him and to fully understand this, we must seek God and when we do, his promise is that we will find him. Doug said it well, “Because then even if you don’t get all the plans and even if you

don't like all the plans, you'll still trust the person." When we *know* God, we will trust the future he has planned specifically for you and me because we trust him.

Are you in a season where you are feeling anxious or of little hope about the future? Share.

How are you seeking God in your daily life? How has this changed the way you trust him with your future?

**Read Acts 17:27**

When you are searching for God, know this he is not too far. Even when you cannot feel or see him, he has never left your side. He is beside us, before us and behind us no matter the circumstance. In our seeking him, we are to open our hearts to him. Again, he wants to be found by you.

Is there something that is weighing heavy on you? How does knowing that God is not too far from you bring peace and comfort?

Where do you need to be reminded that God has never left your side?

M O V E

**Read Joshua 3:1-5**

Remember that consecrate means to set yourself apart for a sacred endeavor. This is our part, not God's. *When God is about to DO extraordinary things, he calls us TO extraordinary things.* What's next is a higher calling and it requires pure grit that is already in God's people. This calling is greater than what's behind and requires a set apart spirit. Doug gave us 3 main points this week that we can glean from.

Patience for the Process

**Read Psalm 130:5; Isaiah 40:31**

After reading this Scripture, what is required to practice patience?

Patience doesn't look like us sitting around waiting on God to drop the "breadcrumbs" but it is the evidence of a strong and surrendered faith. The point is the presence of God here and now. We can wait and be with him, it goes hand-in-hand.

Are you in a season that is requiring a good amount of patience? Share.

What can it look like to wait and be with God in your current season?

Where have you needed to be patient in your life, you look back and see God had been with you the whole time?

### Obedience in the Obscurity

Read Hebrew 12:1; Psalm 37:4

What's the first thing that comes to mind when you hear your pastor talks about obedience?

Doug said this week, "If you want an uncommon destiny you can't settle for common discipline. You can't live an extraordinary purpose with ordinary patterns."

What if God is calling you to set yourself apart from things that are common? *Not sinful. Common.* What are the common things that might cost you something?

### Confidence in the Calling

Read Joshua 3:8

Doug referenced a teaching from Steven Furtick preaching about the gap. The gap between where you are and where you want to be, who you are and who you want to be. You might not be where you want to be, but because of the grace and mercy of God, you're not you were a week ago. And what we know of God is that he will not leave you

here. He began the good work in you, and he will finish it!

**Do you believe that you're called to something much greater than yourself? Do you believe that if God called you, he'll equip you, if he's sending you, he's going with you?**

**Is God calling you into something much greater than yourself and you need the supernatural confidence to make the move?**

**Pray over each other as you stand in the gap for one another, asking God for nearness, revealing the next chapter, obedience to take the step and the confidence in who God says he is.**

**TAKE HOME:** While you pray this week, ask God to be near. To reveal himself in your coming and going. Share with someone from your group how you have experienced God's presence.

## **P R A Y**

Pray for each other. Invite each other into a space you may need healing or comfort. If you're in a co-ed group, it may be easier to break up into groups to more freely share.