



Reviewing the Sunday Message: dGroup Guide

"THE PURSUIT: MY ACHING HEART"

Pastor Miles McPherson | March 17, 2019 | JOSHUA 7:10-26

A Do Something Disciple - A person with a disciplined pursuit of the heart of the Father, a heart being perfected in love for God and people.

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Recite the *Do Something Disciple* Prayer

“As a Do Something Disciple, I am in a disciplined pursuit for the heart of The Father, a heart that is being perfected in love for God and people.

Father give me a heart that:

- Desperately seeks face-to-face intimacy with You.
- Faithfully avoids that which displeases You.
- Humbly embraces a Kingdom Mindset.
- Values making disciples that make disciples.

Jesus, create in me a heart that:

- Values being guided by the Word of God.
- Gratefully grows in generosity.
- Nurtures a burden for lost people.
- Demonstrates a commitment to a Spirit-filled expression of my gifts.

Holy Spirit develop a heart in me that:

- Gracefully gives and receives forgiveness.
- Passionately worships God.
- Is dependent on the power of prayer.
- Serves with Humility.

Father, knit my heart with Yours. Fill my heart with Your passions, motivations and desires. In Jesus Name, amen.”

Sermon Application Questions:

In Sunday's message Pastor Miles provided a great sports analogy for God's people to be disciplined in their pursuit and service of God. He described the role of the point guard on a basketball team. The point guard's role in basketball is to distribute the ball to the right players. Pastor Miles taught about how we need to be generous and distribute our resources for God's purposes to further expand God's Kingdom. He focused on Joshua 7:10-26 and Achan's sin and how it affected the expansion of the kingdom of Israel negatively. Essentially Achan took the forbidden plunder from Jericho because of his greed. This selfish act of one person ended up affecting the entire nation of Israel in a negative way.

We need to have:

- A heart that DESIRES to grow in generosity.
- A heart that CONNECTS "blessing" to generosity and "curse" to greed.
- A heart in me that PURSUES the blessings of generosity through being generous.

Sermon Theme Discussion Questions About Generosity: Is there something that you are holding on to that is keeping you from receiving God's blessing? Discuss how you are going to submit this to the Lord. How are you increasing in generosity through your tithes and offerings? Be accountable to your dGroup for your generous life of being a steward of God's resources.

dGroup Discipleship Questions

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Discuss as many questions as you have time for.

H – Holiness: What has God revealed to you through prayer and Bible reading? What are you doing about it? What sin do you need to confess? What do you need help with?

E – Evangelism: Whose salvation and/or discipleship are you praying for or actively pursuing?

A – Appreciation: How are you showing appreciation to God and others for what He has done?

R – Relationships: How are you growing the Kingdom of God through the use of your spiritual gifts? Who do you need to forgive? Who do you need to ask forgiveness from? How are you using your spiritual gifts?

T – Thoughts: Are there any destructive thought patterns that need to be destroyed? What Scriptures have you been studying or memorizing that are designed to establish Biblical thought patterns?

As a result of your dGroup meeting this week, discuss what your personal "next steps" are for your growth as a Do Something Disciple.