



Reviewing the Sunday Message: rGroup 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.

1. 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.
2. How are you increasing in generosity through your tithes and offerings? Be accountable to your rGroup for your generous life of being a steward of God's resources.

Sermon Application Prayer:

"Father, give me a heart that DESIRES to grow in generosity. Jesus, create in me a heart that CONNECTS 'blessing' to generosity and 'curse' to greed. Holy Spirit, develop a heart in me that PURSUES the blessings of generosity through being generous."

Scripture Reading:

Read through Joshua 7:10-26.

Discussing Joshua:

Earlier in chapter 7 we see that Joshua's men were defeated at Ai because of the sin of Achan. We see Joshua crying out to God for direction. God answered Joshua and told him to sanctify the children of Israel. The various tribes of Israel were brought before the Lord one at a time, and the tribe of Judah was selected. Then the family of the Zarahites were selected, then Zabdi was taken. Finally, Achan was taken. Achan confessed his but the consequence of this direct disobedience led to capital punishment to remove the sin from Israel. As a result, God's blessing returned to Israel.

- Disobedience to the Lord's will has consequences. Share a testimony of God's blessings or consequences that resulted in your life during a time of obedience or disobedience.
- Is there anything that you are currently holding on to that you know God wants you to give up? How would your life be different if you committed to a life of obedience?

Next Steps:

- Do you have someone that is close to you that you know is struggling with holding on to something that they need to give up and let God work in their lives? How can you encourage them this week to turn to God and make their desires God's desires?

Weekly Memory Verse: Deut. 28:9 (NKJV): *"And Samson said to her, "If they bind me with seven fresh bowstrings, not yet dried, then I shall become weak, and be like any other man."*

Monthly Memory Verse: 1 Samuel 10:6 (NKJV) *"Then the Spirit of the LORD will come upon you, and you will prophesy with them and be turned into another man."*