

rGroup Guide

THE PAST

Pastor Miles McPherson | June 23, 2019

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, with Christlikeness as my goal and the Holy Spirit as my Guide, knit my heart with Yours. Fill my heart with Your passions, motivations, and desires. In Jesus' Name, Amen."

Sermon Application Questions from Sunday's Message

On Sunday, Pastor Miles opened his sermon by sharing a story about how he had taught his grandson to eat on his own. When his grandson finally learned to eat on his own, it was rewarding for the whole family. Pastor Miles transitioned from this story to describe that Christians need to learn how to read the Bible on our own and that we should not rely solely on the Sunday message for our spiritual growth and development.

Next, Pastor Miles shared about the new dGroup journals and how they are an effective tool for studying the Bible and for our spiritual growth. He used Psalm 119:9-16 for his example of how to use the method of reading scripture, reflecting, responding, and relaying. In your group, read through Psalm 119:9-16 and discuss the following:

- **1. Read:** Slowly read the passage Psalm 119:9-16 as a group listening for the Holy Spirit to speak to you.
- 2. **Reflect:** As a group, reflect and write what you believe God is saying to you. Example: If I take heed or obey God's Word, I will cleanse my ways. I will curse less, make more biblical decisions, think more like Jesus.
- **3. Respond:** As group, pray: "Holy Spirit, please reveal to our hearts how this truth has already been applied in our lives." 1. Discuss a prayer that outlines how you did or could have responded to that truth in the past. 2. Discuss how thankful you are for how God responded to your obedience or lack of obedience.
- 4. **Relay:** Break off into smaller groups of 2 or 3 and complete this prayer as a group. "Holy Spirit, guide us as we prayerfully prepare to share this truth with ______ or anyone that You want to bless with it." Be sensitive to the Holy Spirit's leading to whom you could 'serve' with this insight.

Next Steps:

- Learn more about dGroups and download the new dGroup journal at <u>www.sdrock.com/dGroups</u>.
- At the Movies <u>Connect with your campus as an rGroup to see how you might</u> serve the <u>At the Movies preparations.</u>

<u>Monthly Memory Verse: Psalm 51:10-11</u> "Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me from Your presence or take Your Holy Spirit from me."