

rGroup Guide

THE TESTIMONY

Pastor Travis Gibson | November 10, 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 11/10, Pastor Travis shared about the importance of giving from the right "motivation". We don't want to give reluctantly or from compulsion, we should give from having a cheerful heart.

This week in your group time, please read through Mark 14:3-9 and discuss the following:

- Reread Mark 14:3-8. We can notice a few things in these verses. In verse 3, we see that the perfume was very costly. In verses 4-5, we see that some thought that the use of the perfume was wasted. Verses 6-9 shows that the act was good and was done in preparation for the burial of Jesus. The woman's motivation was in the right place as she was most likely showing her devotion to Jesus. The MOTIVATION attached to our giving establishes a witness in heaven.
 - When you think about giving, tithing, or offering to God, do you struggle with your motivation? Why or why not?
- The witness or motivation attached to your giving UNLOCKS a TESTIMONY of God's purpose over your life. Reread Mark 14:9. Here we see that this woman's story would be talked about around the whole world.
 - What has God been calling you to do or give up? Have you been neglecting a calling that God has on your life? Or are you walking in the purpose that God has for you?
- Agreement with God's testimony leads to kingdom EXPANSION. The woman in this story did a "good deed" for Jesus which led to kingdom expansion.
 - Are you living in agreement with God's testimony? Are you doing anything for Jesus that is leading to kingdom expansion?

Next Steps:

Rock Business Roundtable Quarterly Breakfast:
Wednesday November 13th from 7 AM to 9 AM.

Toys for Joy – Give, Volunteer: December 14th

https://www.toys-for-joy.org

Monthly Memory Verse: Romans 1:16 "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek."

This Week's Bible Reading:

ACTS 15-28 - https://thebibleproject.com/explore/acts/