

rGroup Guide

PROPHETIC REDEMPTION

Pastor Miles McPherson | August 25, 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 the service by describing the experience that the prophet Ezekiel had in Ezekiel 2:8-3:3. God spoke to Ezekiel and gave Ezekiel His Word on a scroll. Ezekiel ate and internalized the scroll, which was in essence, God's Word and described it as being "as sweet as honey."

God wants to intimately be involved in our lives today in a similar way. God speaks to us through the Scriptures and challenges us to live out what we hear from His Word and to speak God's Word to others. As believers, we need to be attentive to God's voice for guidance in His will for our lives as we deliver His Word to others.

During the service, Pastor Miles interviewed Taz, a member of the church who is a former white supremacist. Taz briefly gave his testimony and talked about how he lived a life of opposition to other races, but eventually received God's grace and forgiveness. There were significant events in Taz's life where people planted seeds of truth into his life that set him free from his past. Taz's favorite verse is Romans 3:23, as he realizes that forgiving others and himself is key in his walk with Christ since all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God. But in Jesus Christ, we can become a new creation.

Discuss the following statements in your rGroup regarding ways that God speaks:

- Has God given you a vision, or spoken something to you from His Word that He wants to share through you?
- What are the ways in which you experience God? (E.g. Quiet times alone with God, meditating on Scripture, fellowship, serving others.)
- In your rGroup, read Romans 3:23-24. Are there people in your life that you need to share with? Who are they? Do you need to forgive yourself or others in relation to your past? What does the word redemption mean in verse 24?

Next Steps:

Attend the dGroup Vision Night on September 19th. For details, visit: sdrock.com/visionnight

Monthly Memory Verse: Lamentations 3:22-23 (NKJV): "Through the LORD's mercies we are not consumed, Because His compassions fail not. They are new every morning; Great is Your faithfulness."

This Week's Bible Reading: Ezekiel 1-24

For a background study of the book of Ezekiel watch the Bible Project overview: <u>https://thebibleproject.com/explore/ezekiel/</u>