

Leader Guide Session 2

Key verse: My life is worth nothing to me unless I use it for finishing the work assigned me by the Lord Jesus - ACTS 20:24 NL

Lesson 2 Outline

Nothing is more important, after coming to know Jesus Christ, than to get God's dream for your life.

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future - JEREMIAH 29:11 NIV

1. God's dream for you is _____
2. God's dream for you is _____

D_____ My Life to God

You've got to be willing to do whatever God wants you to do, even before he tells you to do it.

Offer yourselves as a living sacrifice to God, dedicated to his service ... Do not conform yourselves to the standards of this world, but let God transform you ... Then you will be able to know the will of God-what is good and is pleasing to him and is perfect - ROMANS 12:1-2 GNT

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R _____ Time Alone with God

You cannot get God's dream unless you spend time with God.

Pause a moment... and listen; consider the wonderful things God does – JOB 37:14 GNT

God speaks to people who take time to listen.

E _____ My Abilities

Why would God give you certain gifts, and abilities, and talents- and then not use them?

For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to devote ourselves to the good deeds for which God has designed us – EPHESIANS 2:10 NEB

God has given each of you some special abilities; be sure to use them to help each other – 1 PETER 4:10 TLB

You are saved to serve. Use your talents and gifts to help other people.

Your young men shall see visions, your old men shall dream dreams. ACTS 2:17 NKJV

A _____ with Godly Dreamers

Get around people who affirm God's dream rather than attack God's dream.

There's no such thing as a neutral friend. They're either pulling you toward God's dream or pulling you away from it.

As iron sharpens iron, so a friend sharpens a friend – PROVERBS 27:17 NLT

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Bad company corrupts good character – 1 CORINTHIANS 15:33 NIV

M_____My dream Public

Visualize the dream – and then verbalize the dream.

- It gets _____
- It attracts _____
- It releases _____

The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do it – 1THESSALONIANS 5:24 NIV

Discussion Questions:

1. What do you believe God's dream is for your life?
2. Review the D.R.E.A.M steps in the lesson outline. Which of these steps do you need to take?
3. What distractions do you need to eliminate today so that you can be still and quiet with God?
4. In what specific ways are you using your talents and gifts to serve others?

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Prayer Direction

The dream phase of faith begins with dedicating all of yourself to God. In prayer, fully surrender your life to him. Invite him to be your Lord and ask him to open your eyes and give you his vision for your life. Pray for each other's requests.

Putting It into Practice

Pastor Rick said, "God speaks to people who take time to listen."

- If you currently practice a daily quiet time, over the next seven days, increase the amount of time you usually spend in devotions.
- If a quiet time with God is not part of your daily routine, over the next seven days, take ten minutes a day to review and pray about the Bible verses in this week's lesson outline.

God has a unique life course for you to run. It's your life mission, your dream, your purpose. If you're always looking at other people while you're running, you're going to end up trying to run their race, or you're going to get tripped up, or you're going to listen to people in the stands- and you'll miss out on God's race for you to run.