



rGroup Guide

“He is Worthy That We Bow”

Pastor Miles McPherson | December 22, 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 from Sunday's Message:

On Sunday 12/22, Pastor Miles challenged the church to bow and worship God, not halfway, but wholeheartedly. God is doing a transforming work in you, but you need to be attentive to His voice and direction. Decide before the year ends that you will practice kneeling before the Lord in prayer, listen to His voice, and seek to do His will. Seek Him in all things as you prepare for the new year.

Take time to read through the following materials in your rGroup and discuss the questions provided.

- Revelation draws back the curtain on the unseen realities of life for God's people. There is a spiritual battle going on, and the risen Jesus reveals these visions to John so that God's Church will be aware of what is happening now and in the future.¹ **Read Revelation 1.**
- **Reread Revelation 1:1-3**
 - In verse 1 the word "bond-servants" is used". What is a bond-servant? What does this term communicate about someone's commitment level? Would you consider yourself a bond-servant to Jesus?
 - Verse 3 describes the importance of both hearing and obeying the words of the prophecy. Why would the author write that obedience leads to blessing in this verse? Why is it important that we obey God?
- **Reread Revelation 1:4-8**
 - In verses 6 and 7, the word Amen was used to affirm everything that was stated. **Amen** The Greek word used here, meaning "let it be so," served to strongly affirm something just stated. It expressed an indication of trust in God's ability to bring about a desired result² An affirmation that was given in verse 6 was in regard to us being a "kingdom, priests". How does this relate to the Old Testament and what God did for the children of Israel? What does this mean for us today?
 - In verse 8 we see that Jesus describes Himself as the "Alpha and Omega". In the Greek alphabet Alpha is the first letter and Omega is the last letter. What is Jesus saying about Himself when He uses this expression?
- **Reread Revelation 1:9-20**
 - In this section of scripture, we see that John is describing his revelation and vision of Jesus. Verses 17-20 describe John's reaction to his vision of Jesus yet Jesus encourages John and gives him instructions of what to do in the verses that follow. Connecting with God can come in a variety of ways but God has given us the Bible, prayer, and the Holy Spirit as a few of the main ways that we can receive direction from God. Have you been spending daily time in the Bible, prayer, and with the Holy Spirit? If not, why not? If so, how can you encourage others to spend time with God in reverence to Him?

Next Steps:

- **Prepare for the 21-day prayer fast starting in January . Text FAST to 52525.**
- **Attend the Awaken Conference with Francis Chan on January 25th. Text AWAKEN to 52525 for more information.**

Monthly Memory Verse: James 2:20 “*But do you want to know, O foolish man, that faith without works is dead?*”

This Week's Bible Reading:

Revelation 1-16: <https://thebibleproject.com/explore/revelation/>

¹ Barry, J. D., Mangum, D., Brown, D. R., Heiser, M. S., Custis, M., Ritzema, E., ... Bomar, D. (2012, 2016). *Faithlife Study Bible*. Bellingham, WA: Lexham Press.

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