



Reviewing the Sunday Message “The Pursuit”

Pastor Miles McPherson / January 6, 2019 Genesis 32:24-31

A Do Something Disciple - A person with a disciplined pursuit of the heart of the Father, a heart being perfected in love for God, people, and self.

H – Holiness **E** – Evangelism **A** – Appreciation **R** – Relationships **T** – Thoughts

D12: Seeks face-to-face intimacy with God.

D12 = The twelve descriptors of a disciple that is pursuing the heart of the Father God.

Sermon Application: God wants to change the desires of your heart. Don't let go of your *pursuit* of the heart of God. Change your title from “Christian” to “Disciple.” Allow God to change how you live a life in reflection of Jesus Christ.

Memory Verse: Gen 1:26-27 (NKJV): “*Then God said, ‘Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.’*”²⁷ *So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.*”

Review the Message:

On Sunday Pastor Miles discussed a couple of questions that he was asked at a meeting last year. The questions were: “Where do you see your church at in ten to fifteen years? What would you do if you only had three years to help your church?” Pastor Miles’ response was that he would make disciples. He shared that God spoke clearly to him to make disciples at the Rock Church. In the same way, Jesus only had three years of ministry on earth and Jesus chose to use His time making disciples. He taught the multitudes, but He invested in discipleship into the lives of His twelve disciples (e.g. rGroup); but even more dynamically into the lives of Peter, James and John (e.g. dGroup).

Read Genesis 32:24-31. One of the ways that we grow in our pursuit of the heart of the Father as a disciple is by seeking face-to-face intimacy with God. In verse 26 we see that Jacob would not let the man go until he blessed Jacob. Then in verses 28 and 29 we see that Jacob receives his new name, Israel, and is blessed. In verse 30 Jacob said, “I have seen God face-to-face, yet my life has been preserved” (NKJV). Thinking about Genesis 32:24-31, discuss the following questions in your rGroup.

What does it mean to pursue the heart of God? How are you seeking face-to-face intimacy with God?

What is the difference between a *Christian* and a *disciple*? Why is there a difference? What do you desire for God to do in your heart in 2019?

How is Your Heart?

On a scale of 1-10 how committed are you to pursuing the heart of the Father?

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

How are you pursuing God's HEART?

What do you need to do to be more disciplined in your pursuit of the heart of God? Is it a relationship, job, bad habit or wrong priority?

NEXT STEPS:

Text *DISCIPLE* to 52525 for information on rGroup / dGroup, Bible reading plan and fasting resources.

A 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.

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, knit my heart with Yours.

Fill my heart with Your passions, motivations and desires.

In Jesus Name, Amen.”