



rGroup Guide

“Pay Attention to This!”

Pastor Miles McPherson | January 19, 2020

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 1/19, Pastor Miles challenged the church to really pay attention to how God is leading us in our next step in living our lives for God. The first thing that we need to do is make sure that we are **CONNECT** our hearts with what God is **FEELING** towards them. Next, we need to ask God to **SHOW** us the greatness that God sees in people. Finally, we need to ask for God to **PROMPT** us to fulfill the need that God wants to meet in someone else's life.

Take time to read through the following in your rGroup and discuss:

- Read - Matthew 14:13-14
 - Here we see the introduction to Jesus feeding five thousand people. In verse 13 we see that Jesus has just learned that John the Baptist has been killed. After learning of this He sought solitude. However, we also notice that there was a crowd following Him. In verse 14 we see that the large crowd was still there and they felt compassion or had “pity” for them and healed the sick.
 - In your group discuss the meaning of compassion. Where have you seen people have compassion for others? Are we lacking compassion in our society? Who has God brought into your life for you to have compassion on? Will you take the next step in reaching out to that person or group of people that God is calling you to have compassion for?
- Read - Mark 16:9-11
 - In these verses we see that Jesus appeared to Mary Magdalene, who had previously been a demon possessed women. She reported what she had seen to those who had been with Jesus but they did not believe her.
 - Is it hard to believe the testimony of others? It’s easy to judge others based upon their past however God can appear to anyone regardless of their past sins. Is there someone in your life that God is leading you to have acceptance for and believe the best in? What will you do to reach out to them this week and encourage their faith?
- Read - Mark 1:41-42
 - In these verses Jesus is moved with compassion and heals someone with leprosy. Leprosy is a skin disease.
 - Everyday we see people suffering. Whether it is an illness, homelessness, addiction, abuse, or something else pain and suffering is all around us. Many if not all of us have felt the need to “Do Something” and help those in need. As you close your group time discuss the needs of your community and how your group can help people who are hurting in your community.

Next Steps:

- **Take the 21 Day Fast challenge – text FAST to 52525 for more information.**
- **Start a dGroup – Grow with friends as you meet weekly in an accountable relationship. For more information text dGroups to 52525.**

Monthly Memory Verse: Mark 9:29 *“So He said to them, “This kind can come out by nothing but prayer and fasting.”*

This Week’s Bible Reading:

Exodus 1-18: <https://thebibleproject.com/explore/exodus-1-18/>

Proverbs 3-4: <https://thebibleproject.com/explore/proverbs/>