



## rGroup Guide

I Was | Pastor Miles McPherson | March 8, 2020

### **D12 Monthly Focus for March: *Nurtures a burden for lost people.***

#### ***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 3/8, Pastor Miles encouraged all of us to write and share our testimonies. God has given us an opportunity to express His love towards others through what He has accomplished in our lives and this is our testimony. God has redeemed us and saved us in Jesus and describing to others the miracle that He has done in our lives is an incredible gift and we should share this story with others who don't know Christ.

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

- Read 1 Peter 3:15-16
  1. Why is it important that we should be ready to make a defense of our faith?
  2. Why should we desire to share with people the hope that is in us?
- Individually complete the following phrases below to begin working on your testimony and then in your group go around and share:
  1. I WAS...
    - Share what you believed about your source of happiness.
      - My name is \_\_\_\_\_ and I grew up in \_\_\_\_\_. Before giving my heart to God, I believed I would be happy if I had \_\_\_\_\_.
    - Share what that belief made you do.
      - For example, it wouldn't be uncommon for me to \_\_\_\_\_ to try to fill the emptiness in my heart.
    - Share how what you did made you feel.
      - After awhile, my behavior began to make me feel \_\_\_\_\_, and that wasn't working for me.
  2. THEN JESUS...
    - At this point in my life, my belief about God was \_\_\_\_\_. It wasn't until I heard (or experienced) \_\_\_\_\_ and that Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ that I began to consider trusting God with my life. I finally decided that I wanted to receive Jesus as my Savior, so when I was \_\_\_\_\_ I proceeded to \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. SINCE THEN...
    - In my old life, before trusting God, I found comfort, identity, and fulfillment in \_\_\_\_\_ and used to take every opportunity to \_\_\_\_\_. Since I have received Jesus, my heart has been changed, and I take pleasure in \_\_\_\_\_ I thought I had to \_\_\_\_\_ but now I realize that God had a better plan for my life than I had and was willing to accept me the way I was. If you would like to accept Christ like me, it is as easy as ABC.

**Next Steps:**

- **This week pray for opportunities to share your testimony with someone. When the opportunity arises, step out in faith and share the testimony that God has given you.**

**Monthly Memory Verse:** *“But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear.” ~1 Peter 3:15 NKJV*

**This Week's Bible Reading** / The Bible Project

Joshua 8-24: <https://bibleproject.com/explore/joshua/>

Psalms 31-36: <https://bibleproject.com/explore/psalms/>

Judges 1-4: <https://bibleproject.com/explore/judges/>