



## rGroup Guide

### RETHINKING THE KINGDOM OF GOD

Pastor Miles McPherson | July 28, 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 Questions from Sunday's Message:**

On Sunday, July 28<sup>th</sup>, Pastor Mario Montoya introduced his message about the Kingdom of God with an illustration of the Royal Wedding of Prince Harry and Meghan Merkel. He gave an example of how the world got a glimpse of the English kingdom but how this is pale in comparison to the Kingdom of God wherein is our hope.

Pastor Mario shared a story about learning how to love his children better. In loving his children better, he and his wife tried various techniques to see how his son would feel loved. He found that his son loved receiving good gifts. As earthly parents we do our best to give our children good gifts, but our heavenly Father has so much more for us.

Finally, Pastor Mario shared a story about his Rugby player friend who invite him to a VIP experience at the Rugby world series. As Pastor Mario entered the experience he thought he had to pay for any food that he would receive at the venue. His son got thirsty and wanted water, and it was in this experience that Pastor Mario discovered that the amazing banquet was all paid for. He related this to God's salvation in Jesus Christ as we have amazing blessings that await us if we just apprehend them. It's free in God's grace!

### **Discuss the following in your rGroup:**

1. Rethink peace: As a group read Isaiah 52:4-7. Reread Isaiah 52:7. A portion of this verse reads *"How lovely on the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who announces peace..."* Have you received any good news that has brought you peace recently? What was it? Are you asking God for peace about anything?
2. Rethink good things: In Isaiah 52:7 it says, *"...and brings good news of happiness..."* What news have you received recently that has brought you happiness? How are you praying for the "good things" that God has for you?
3. Rethink salvation: Finally, Matthew 52:7 ends with *"...Who announces salvation, and says to Zion, 'Your God reigns!'"* Spend some time as a group praising God for the salvation that He has given you. If there are some members in your group that are going through struggles this week and need to rethink things, please join in prayer for them.

### **Next Steps:**

Women – Consider registering for the 2019 Rock Church Women's Retreat:

<https://www.sdrock.com/ministries/womens/retreat/>

The Book of Isaiah: <https://thebibleproject.com/explore/isaiah/>

**Monthly Memory Verse: Proverbs 3:5-6 (NKJV):** *"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths."*

**This Week's Bible Reading:** Isaiah 23-44