

Welcome Your World LifeGroup Leader Guide

Take New Steps of Faith on Our Adventure With God

Session #6

Building for a Great
Awakening

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Leader preparation:

- * Review main points from Session 5 and be prepared to recap
- * Review next steps from session 5 from "this week" for discussion
- * Watch video session 56up members

Welcome And What To Expect:

1. Introduce session
2. Go over any group housekeeping. This is the last session. If you plan a group celebration of any kind, firm up details here.
3. Review of Session 5: Indifference to Love
We will move from indifference to love when we take the action of giving to what God cares about.

Open In Prayer

Let's Connect:

Let's talk about road trips. Growing up did your family make any road trips? Briefly share about one of these. (Leader should be ready to share first. Ex. Family trip from New England to Iowa to visit grandparents.)

Watch Video:

Pastor Ed brings this Welcome Your World series together and clarifies the vision for Victory Church as we celebrate 90 years of welcoming our world into an experience with God and the care of his family. Encourage group to take notes and write down anything that stands out.

Group Discussion:

1. Pastor Ed said that God is not just concerned with where we end up, he's deeply invested in who we become along the way. (You may want people to share answers in smaller groups).

Of the four movements in this series:

- Pride to gratitude
- Coveting to contentment
- Anxiety to trust
- Indifference to love

Share which of these has impacted you in a personal way and why.

Group discussion questions contd.

2. Early on we learned that Jesus' teachings on money and possessions are meant to expose our hearts and inspire people toward a closer relationship with God. Share one way God has worked in your life through this group.

3. Based on Pastor Ed's teaching, what sets the church apart and distinguishes it from other entities?

(leader help:)

No other entity has our mission of reaching the world with the gospel.

No other entity is identified with Christ.

No one else has responsibility for Victory Church but us.

We have no other source but God.

4. Read 2 Corinthians 9:6-11. "Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. As it is written, 'They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor, their righteousness endures forever'. Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God."

What do we learn from this passage about:

God

People

God's relationship with us

5. In what ways does a building represent a step of faith? In what ways does it represent a commitment to the mission God has given us?

Personal Application:

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Prayer:

Close your session in prayer.

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