

Life Group Discussion Guide - April 6th 2018
Paradigm - Moving Forward

Whether moving out of slavery into freedom, from freedom into fullness of life or from one season into the next, God will never stop calling us forward. We were made to grow deeper in Him, higher in our calling, while expanding further the Kingdom of God in the earth.

In this week's sermon, Dave talked about 5 ingredients God's word reveals in how to move from my (Here & Now -TO MY- Then & There)

PONDER- PRAY- PEN- PLOT- PURSUE

Lets look at 3 of these 5 in our discussion:

2 Corinthians 3:18 *And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.*

John 15:16 *You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit--fruit that will last--and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you.*

Q? Looking back over your faith & life journey have you sensed a continual desire or pressure to grow, improve & move into new territory? If so, how would you describe this process? _____

Q? In this season, what area of your life do you sense God calling you to grow or move forward in? _____

Q? How do we balance our call to be content yet be advancing, improving & growing continually? _____

** God frequently engaged the imagination of His people with a picture or idea when calling them from where they were toward greater things.*

Read Genesis 15:1-6 aloud in your group.....

Q? God could have simply told Abraham what he was going to do so why do you think He chose to give Abraham a visual picture to associate with his promise? How does the power of imagination confine or liberate us?

Q? Can you think of another instance in scripture or in your own life in which God stirred the imagination with a picture of what "could be" in order to move us forward? How did it look? **Explain:** _____

** Another ingredient in changing our paradigm to propel us from where we are toward where we need to be is the **"power of the pen!"***

Habakkuk 2:2 *And the LORD answered me: "Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so he may run who reads it.*

Q? What does this verse speak to you & how is it an ingredient in our lives to growing & taking new territory? _____

** In **Luke 4:18-19** Jesus reads aloud the "his mission/vision" statement which was penned in the book of Isaiah 700yrs previous. In fact the entire bible is a testament to the impact that writing, reading & remembering have on reaching the goals, dreams & plans God has stirred us toward.*

Q? Do you write out your goals, dreams, visions or outcomes you sense God is inspiring you to fulfill? How does this actually improve our ability to realize success? **Discuss:** _____

** All of this is important but with out a serious **Pursuit** of that which is ahead, we are creating a sick heart within (**Having faith for things without moving our feet**) - **[Read James 2:18 Aloud In Your Group]***

Close by discussing the actions you will take/praying for one another