

SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

OCTOBER 16, 2022



ICEBREAKERS

If you were given one million dollars that you could not keep but had to give away, what would you do with it?

QUESTIONS

- Patrick says, "Following Jesus is about this intimate relationship with God so that we are not left to do life the best we can." What gets in your way of following God, finding God or loving God?
- Every step forward is progress. What could you do this week to take a step to grow in an area specific to you that would move you closer to following, finding or loving God?

READ

Matthew 6:19-21

QUESTIONS

- What applications or observations do you have from these verses?
- How do you define a treasure?
- How many treasures are we allowed to store on earth? (Jesus says, "do not store up treasures on earth")

- Why do we feel like we have to store up our treasures or possessions here on earth? ([security, comfort, feeling good, lack of faith, etc.](#))
- The place we choose for our treasure says something about ourselves. How can you live in a way that prioritizes treasures for compassionate use to meet others' physical or spiritual needs?

READ

Matthew 6:24 and 1 Timothy 6:10

QUESTIONS

- Why are we so prone to trust money rather than God?
- Why does the love of money battle against being content?
- Why do you think Paul describes money as the root of all kinds of evil? ([money is not evil, but the love of money is evil](#))
- Money is essential to our lives. What attitudes or actions do you think can help us handle money without serving it?

READ

Matthew 6:25 and 6:33

QUESTIONS

- When you worry or grow anxious, how do you respond?
- What did Jesus point to as common areas of worry in Matthew 6:25?
- How have you seen God meet your needs or that of others?
- How can we overcome worry? ([Believe you are not alone or on your own, seek God, trust and have peace knowing God wants to provide for you](#))

PRAYER: Thank you, Lord, for caring and providing for us. As our church takes a big step in faith to expand our mission help us continue in our support of local and global communities alongside our mission partners. Give each of us guidance in how we participate in "I WILL". Thank you for the many ways You've blessed us. In Jesus' Name – Amen.

LEADERS: In your groups this week please hand out the "I WILL" prayer guides and stickers. Set a date between **October 17-23** for your group to pray for our church as we begin the "I WILL" initiative. Remind your group if they have questions, they can call or email the church for answers.

- Below is the prayer guide for reference

I WILL

PRAYER GUIDE

As you know, our church is taking a big step in faith to expand our mission here and around the world. Over the next three years, we'll be raising the necessary funds to allow us to build an additional worship venue for the Richmond campus, add a Yard & Grill and an outdoor baptistry at the Missouri City campus and expand the kid's building at West End Church. This will allow us to continue our support of local and global communities alongside our mission partners. Our purpose here today is to pray for that effort and seek God's guidance about our own level of participation.

1. PRAISE GOD FOR BEING GOOD, HOLY, FULL OF GRACE, COMPASSIONATE AND MERCIFUL
2. GIVE THANKS FOR YOUR OWN RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD
3. GIVE THANKS FOR THE WAY GOD HAS USED RIVER POINTE & WEST END CHURCH IN YOUR LIFE
4. PRAY FOR OUR PARTNERSHIPS (LISTED ON BACK)
5. PRAY FOR COMMITMENT WEEKEND — OCTOBER 23, 2022
6. PRAY FOR YOUR OWN PARTICIPATION IN *I WILL*

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PRAYER GUIDE

LOCAL PARTNERSHIPS:

Attack Poverty

- Friends of North Richmond
- Friends of North Rosenberg
- Friends of Northside Houston

Casa de Esperanza

Christian Community Service Center (CCSC)

Common Threads

Creative Dreams

Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) - College

Fort Bend Women's Shelter

God Behind Bars

Hope Advocates

Houston Pearls

Local school partnerships in FBISD, HISD, LCISD

Love 146

Lunches of Love

Meals for Kids

Oak Forest Foster Closet

Pregnancy Resource Medical Center of Fort Bend

Prison Fellowship

Rescue Houston

Second Mile Mission

Shared Dreams

Star of Hope

Union Baptist Association

Work Faith Connection

Young Life | Young Life Military

GLOBAL PARTNERSHIPS:

Attack Poverty // Uganda

Biblica // Colombia • Venezuela • Africa

Border Perspective // US & Mexico Border

Hope for Cuba

Living Water

Makarios // Dominican Republic

Project R12 - Uganda

Samaritan's Purse