

S U C C E S S E Q U A T I O N

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SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

Part 1: Failure First

Pastor Tom Kang

- 1) How was “success” defined in the home you grew up in? Who did you and those in your home consider “successful” and why?
- 2) What areas of your life today, do you consider most important for you to succeed? Why? And what does that look like on a practical level?
- 3) Read aloud Jeremiah 29:11; Proverbs 3:5,6; Romans 8:28; Joshua 1:6-9. How do they strike you? Are there any other verses/passages you can add to this collection which share similar qualities as pointed out in this week’s sermon? What do passages like this say about what is innate in all of us?
- 4) Share your thoughts about the following quote:
“I’ve told seminarians that ministry defined as ‘meeting people’s needs’ is dangerous in a society where the more affluent and privileged among us have solved with a credit card most of our biblical needs like food, housing, and clothing. So we move on to assuaging personal needs the Bible doesn’t give a rip about—meaning making, a purpose-driven life, balance, freedom from anxiety, or a sense of personal well-being. Fulfillment of desire becomes elevated to the level of need, and need gets jacked up to the status of a right.” (Rev. Dr. William Willimon, The Christian Century)
- 5) Read 1 John 2:15-17 and discuss the following chart:

3 FALSE SUCCESS EQUATIONS			
“Lust of the flesh”	Passion	Sex	Feel
“Lust of the eyes”	Possession	Salary	Have
“Pride of life”	Position	Status	Be

Think of something you are pursuing today. How might it align to the paradigm above? What will you do about it?

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT

SATURDAY, MARCH 5 | 9 AM - 1 PM



Marriage Enrichment (Saturday 3/5)

Marriages are a high priority at NewStory! It’s our desire to help couples develop and sustain thriving marriages by providing Marriage Enrichment gatherings. Please join this in-person gathering on 3/5 (9am-1pm) at NewStory with a special guest Dr. Roger Tirabassi who has served as a pastor and professional counselor for over 35 years. It will be a fun, interactive learning experience where you can connect & grow with other couples in the church. To get more info and sign up, visit newstorychurch.com/marriage.