



Sermon Discussion Guide for Cumberland Fellowship Church Sermon Series: Biblical Pattern (Week 7) – March 26, 2023

This guide is a supplement to the weekly sermon. We encourage families and groups to use it. When we hear God's Word, we need to do more than listen. The bible says, "Be doers of the word, not hearers only." (James 1:22)
Step 1: GATHER with your family or group. **Step 2: REVIEW** and **DISCUSS** the key points and scriptures from the sermon. **Step 3: PRAY** for the prayer requests shared by your family or group.

DISCUSSION STARTER

Pastor Sam said that God will take your sinful past and use it as your platform to accomplish your purpose. Share how God used your past experience and even your sin to accomplish His purpose to make disciples. God will use all things for His glory and for His purpose... It's always about His purpose.

DIGGING DEEPER 1

Read Genesis 9:1. God had just purified the Earth of its sinfulness, and when earth and creation was cleansed, despite creation's sinful past what did God do? After God had cleansed creation of sin, God gave them instruction to accomplish their purpose. What was that purpose? What does that mean for us? What typically happens after God cleanses us of our sin?

DIGGING DEEPER 2

Read Genesis 11:1-2,4,8. What happened with humanity after the flood? Think big picture, what happened after God had just saved creation from sin, and then gave them their purpose? What happens when we stop accomplishing God's purposes for our lives? We see from the very beginning God's purpose to multiply and fill the Earth (Gen. 1:28). What are we to fill the earth with? Was it ever God's plan to have His presence in a building or in a body of believers? Discuss. How are we doing with that today? Do we replicate Babel more than we replicate the mandate of Christ? It depends on if you desire to accomplish the purpose Christ gave you. It depends on if you want to replicate Babel (to sit and gather) or Christ's mandate to go replicate followers.

DIGGING DEEPER 3

Read Luke 9:1-2, 10:1-2; Matthew 28:19-20; Acts 1:8. In these verses we see Jesus' multiplying strategy. First, He gathered a group of people together. Why? He then began to train and equip them to do what? Finally, He sent them out to replicate. Replicate what? How does Jesus' multiplying strategy and our CF small group strategy align? What did Jesus do when he began his ministry? He got a group of people together. What is your next step after you have given your life to Christ? Discuss this statement, *"You cannot fabricate a move of God. So many times, we have said, 'We are going to host a Revival, and pray God shows up and moves.' A revival is not saving lost people, lost people don't need to be revived in their faith, they have never been alive in Christ to begin with. A true revival is when Christians are brought back to a desire to accomplish their purpose. We won't have to ask God to move, if we simply start doing the thing God told us to do that created the movement."*

DOING THE WORD

Pastor Sam gave a charge to CF for each of us to help accomplish God's purpose to be fruitful, multiply, and to fill Cumberland County with God's image. Discuss how you individually and your group can join Jesus on His mission of training, equipping, and replicating to see a move of God. Remember, obedience is always the pathway to God's blessings. Close by praying for God's wisdom and guidance to replicate and fulfill the mandate of Christ. Also prayerfully consider Pastor Sam's next step for us to either start leading a group of people or get into a group of people.