



Sermon Discussion Guide for Cumberland Fellowship Church Sermon Series: “Greater Things – Global Vision”, Week 1 – September 28, 2025

Opening Prayer: *God, open my heart and mind to Your Word, and reveal how You want to use me for Your greater purposes.*

THE FOUNDATION: Faith Throughout History- Read Hebrews 11:1-6.

Pastor Jordan listed several biblical heroes who accomplished great things “by faith” (Noah, Abraham, Moses, David, Daniel, Joshua). Which of these examples resonates most with you and why? What pattern do you notice in how God used ordinary people to accomplish extraordinary things throughout Scripture? How does understanding that “movements happen by faith” change your perspective on what God might want to do through you?

CORE SCRIPTURE STUDY: Understanding Jesus’ Promise- Read John 14:9-12.

Context Discussion: Jesus spoke these words during His final hours with the disciples. He had just revealed that Judas would betray Him and Peter would deny Him. The disciples were confused and afraid about Jesus leaving them.

Questions:

1. When Jesus said His followers would do “greater things,” what did He mean? (Hint: The sermon emphasized it’s about greater *impact*, not greater power.)
2. Jesus referred to His “works” (Greek: *ergon*) - what specific works was He talking about? How does this connect to our calling today?
3. Why is it significant that Jesus said we’d do greater things “because I am going to the Father”? What does His departure enable in us?

THE GREAT COMMISSION CONNECTION: Our Global Mandate- Read Matthew 28:19-20 and Acts 1:8.

Reflection Questions:

1. How do these “Great Commission” passages connect to Jesus’ promise about doing “greater things”?
2. Notice the progression in Acts 1:8: Jerusalem (local), Judea (regional), Samaria (cross-cultural), ends of the earth (global). Where do you see yourself currently in this progression?
3. What does it mean that we have “everything we need” through the Holy Spirit to fulfill this calling?

PERSONAL APPLICATION: Where Are Your Greater Things?

The sermon challenged us to examine specific areas of our lives. Discuss these questions honestly:

Workplace Ministry: How can you view your job as more than just a paycheck? What “greater things” might God want to do through your workplace influence?

Community Influence: Think about your roles in the community (coaching, volunteering, neighborhood involvement). How might these be “mission fields” God has given you?

Family Leadership: For parents: How are you leading your children toward Christ? For spouses: How are you modeling Christ’s love in your marriage? What does it mean for men to “rise up” and lead their families spiritually without being controlling or overbearing?

Breaking Complacency: Pastor Jordan stated that complacency is a problem in the American church. In what areas of your faith life have you “settled” or become comfortable? What would “not settling” look like practically in your daily walk with Christ?

CHALLENGING QUESTIONS:

Faith vs. Presumption: How do we distinguish between stepping out in faith versus presuming upon God? What biblical principles guide this?

Local vs. Global: How do we balance caring for our immediate community while maintaining a global vision? Is it possible to neglect one for the other?

Ordinary Places, Extraordinary Impact: The sermon asked, “Can anything good come from Crossville, Tennessee?” How does this connect to Nathanael’s question about Nazareth? What does this teach us about God’s ways?

PRACTICAL COMMITMENT:

Complete this sentence: “One ‘greater thing’ I believe God is calling me to do is...” What is one specific, measurable step you can take this week to move toward that calling? How can our church family support each other in pursuing these “greater things”? What would it look like for our congregation to have a genuine global impact while serving our local community?

CLOSING REFLECTION: The Power Within Us- Read Ephesians 3:20-21

Do you truly believe that God can do “immeasurably more” through you than you can ask or imagine? What would change in your life if you fully embraced Jesus’ promise that believers will do “greater things”?

CLOSING PRAYER: *Ask God to increase your faith to believe His promises and open your eyes to the “greater things” He has for you. Ask God to give you courage to step out of complacency and use you for His global purposes right where you are. Finally, ask Him to empower you through His Holy Spirit for the work ahead.*

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