



Sermon Discussion Guide for Cumberland Fellowship Church Sermon Series: Biblical Pattern (Week 8) – April 16, 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

For seven weeks Pastor Sam has been teaching us our Biblical mandate. Discuss the traditional Jewish model which says all people from other parts of the world come to the Temple in Jerusalem versus Jesus' model that says tear down the temple and send everyone into the world. Are we focused on people coming into CF or are we focused on CF going into the world?

DIGGING DEEPER 1

Read John 1:1-2,14; Matthew 1:23; John 14:9,11. Throughout the Old Testament (Abraham, Noah, Tower of Babel) humanities purpose was to be fruitful, multiply, and fill the earth. Did this purpose end with Jesus in the New Testament? How did Jesus model this pattern? Jesus was sent out from Heaven to Earth. Sent to do what? Jesus served others, modeled real love, and conquered sin. **Read John 15:5, 8, 16.** Why did Jesus conquer sin? What does the command to be fruitful mean to us? We are to be leading others to produce other followers of God. Then what are we to do with these followers of God?

DIGGING DEEPER 2

Read John 17:14-18. What has Jesus given us and why? Why doesn't Jesus want us to go to Heaven the moment we are saved? What does sanctification mean? How are we continually made Holy or set apart from the world? Why is Jesus concerned about us continually growing in our morals and being set apart? This process of making you holy is not just about making you good, it's making you good for a purpose and that is sharing God. Discuss this statement from Pastor Sam, "Jesus being God in the flesh has given us the same command he gave Adam and Noah, be fruitful and fill the earth. Be fruitful and go into all the world. If the purpose of Christianity is only to gain eternal life, Jesus wouldn't have left us on earth after He saved us. We'd be raptured immediately because we found the purpose of our existence. We were not saved from the world, but for the world." How should this change your everyday life?

DIGGING DEEPER 3

Read Romans 10:14-15. Look up the following words from the text you just read in the Greek: preaching, sent, and beautiful. What is Paul telling us here? How mature is the faith of the one who is willing to go share a message of Jesus with authority? How are we susceptible to take our eyes off your purpose and be influenced by the sinfulness around us? What is the solution? Weeks before Jesus died, rose from the grave, and lived among his followers for 40 days, he reminded them of their purpose... what was it (read Matthew 28:19-20; Acts 1:8)? Today, how do we know that they took the mandate to be fruitful and multiply seriously?

DOING THE WORD

What does it look like for you and your group to take the mandate to be fruitful and multiply seriously? God is filling us up to pour us out. Pray and ask God to help you be a willing vessel so he can pour you out into a lost and hurting world. Ask God to help you break free of tradition and instead follow the Biblical pattern/mandate to be fruitful, multiply, and fill the earth. Let us fulfill God's purpose in our lives to be disciple makers!