



More Than Ever

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This weekend, Pastor Tim shares the vision that drives Parkview and a plan for the future ministry yet to come.

CELEBRATE

At the beginning of your small group time, it's good to share about your week and share with each other how you're doing. So, spend some time, right now, connecting before jumping into the discussion questions. You can use the *Connect* section as a guide. If you're doing this Study Guide on your own, take a moment to focus your mind on God and what He might want you to hear today.

CONNECT

1. Talk about how you became a part of Parkview. Talk about your first experience on a weekend, with a particular ministry, or a conversation that represents your first interaction with Parkview.
2. Talk about what "quarter" of life you're in. How would you describe the quarters that have come before? What about those yet to come?

Before watching the sermon, or moving on in this study, take a minute to remember that God is always with you. Pray as a group for God to bless your conversation and open your eyes and hearts to what He wants you to hear.

REFLECT

Before moving forward in your study, take a moment and review the key points from this weekend's message.

1. One question for the church & for us: At the end of our life, what do we want people to line up and thank us for?
2. "Some want to live within the sound of a chapel bell; but I want to run a mission a yard from the gates of hell." (C.T. Studd)
3. The four signs that represent Parkview are "Come As You Are," "You Matter to God," "Slow - Children at Play" and "Grace Happens."
4. I matter to God, and that's all that matters.
5. The best steps we can take to engage in and support the mission of Parkview is to "invest and invite."
6. The five stages of giving are: initial giver, consistent giver, priority giver, surrendered giver, and eternal giver.

SCRIPTURES USED IN THE MESSAGE: 1 Chronicles 4:10, Psalm 122:1, Isaiah 1:18, Micah 7:18-19, Malachi 1:8, Matthew 16:18, 18:2-3, 19:14; Mark 2:17, Romans 5:20, Ephesians 2:4-5, 3:17-19; Hebrews 12:15

RESPOND

1. Talk about a thought, phrase, or moment from this weekend's message that resonated with you. What made it stick with you?
2. Talk about the "signs" that Pastor Tim used in this weekend's message. Talk about the sign that most resonates with you. Why does that particular sign "click" with you? How have you seen your life change because of that sign?
3. Read Ephesians 3:14-20. Read slowly, making a note of any words or phrases that stand out to you. Paul is writing to house churches in the city of Ephesus - a city where he has had some interesting experiences (see Acts 18:19 through 20:17). This passage is a blessing, commonly included in letters to those with whom you have deep connections.
4. Pastor Tim talked about the opportunities in front of Parkview as a church right now. Talk about a phrase from Paul's blessing that you see coming to life in what Parkview is doing. Why that particular phrase?
5. Talk about the "source" or "energy" for everything we do, both as individuals and the church. (see 3:17). Talk about what being "rooted and established in love" looks like to you. How have you seen this "rootedness" in the lives of other people? How have you seen it in your own life?
6. Being rooted in love allows us to "know" a few specific things (3:19). Talk about the things you have come to "know" through life with Jesus. Who or what specific source helped you to understand these things? How has your life changed as a result of this "knowing"?
7. Pastor Tim talked about the crazy prayers we've prayed as a church and how God has blessed Parkview with more than we could imagine. Paul suggests that giving "immeasurably more" than we ask for is God's specialty. Talk about an area of your life where God is bringing more than you asked for. Or, talk about a place where you aren't sure "more" is possible. What are some ways we may miss the "more" God gives if we aren't paying attention?
8. The "more" that Parkview has done over the years is because of God's grace, and specifically God's grace to challenge people to "invest and invite." After this weekend's message, where is God challenging you to be part of the "immeasurably more" He is doing through Parkview? Talk specifically with your group (or a

close friend) about what God is challenging you to do with Parkview in the future. Hold each other to those challenges - it will take time and grace, but help each other stay committed to being a part of this "more than ever" moment.

Closing Prayer:

God, thank you for the "more" you've done at Parkview. And thank you for the "more" you do for us every day, even in the simple act of helping us get up and go in the morning. Help us to accept the challenge to "invest and invite," so we can join you in the grace-filled journey of seeing our area transformed. Help us to stay rooted in your love - in our families, jobs, schools, and homes. And when our own "fourth quarter" ends, help us to see where you took our willingness to lean on you and turned it into "immeasurably more" than we could ever imagine. We love you.

Amen.