



Secrets to Success: The Winning Hand

It's important that God's Word continues after the message. At Celebrate, we find that we will quite often talk over this week's message long after our experience is over. That's because God has impact. The Sermon Discussion Guide is designed to help you continue the conversation all week.

This week's teaching centered on how the game of poker can relate to the way we live. We are dealt cards in life, but the secret to success is how we play them.

The Winning Game of Five Card STUD:

- **The card of ME**

The world defines success by how we look and what we possess. Discuss how God looks at us and how He wants us to view ourselves.

Psalm 139:14; 2 Corinthians 5:17; Ephesians 4:22-24

- **The card of OTHERS**

How does God want us to look at people and how will that free us from fear?

Matthew 10:28; 2 Corinthians 10:12; 1 John 4:18

- **The card of CIRCUMSTANCES**

How can choosing to trust in God, no matter what, help us succeed? How can God use the circumstances of your past for His good?

Romans 8:35-37; 2 Corinthians 2:14; 1 John 5:4-5

- **The card of THOUGHTS**

How does 'changing our brain' cause us to succeed? What areas of yourself or your life do you need to think differently about?

Proverbs 4:23; 2 Corinthians 10:4-5; Philippians 4:6-8

- **The card of CHOICE**

What is the most important choice we can make and how does that choice make us truly successful?

Deuteronomy 30:19; Mark 8:35-36; John 3:16-17, 36

What's Next

- If you've never done so: Choose Jesus as your Savior.
- Renew your mind according to the Word so God's thoughts become your thoughts.
- Choose to live as a victor rather than as a victim.