

Small Group Study: “Three Questions”

Icebreaker

- **Question:** Share one time in your life when you felt like you had an opportunity to make a difference in someone else’s life (big or small). What happened, and how did it feel?

Opening Prayer

"Lord, we come together today to seek You and grow closer to Your heart. Open our eyes and hearts to the 'more' You have for us. Help us to reflect honestly, discuss openly, and listen to Your Spirit as we study Your Word and this message. Amen."

Scripture Reading

- **1 Chronicles 4:10:** "Jabez cried out to the God of Israel, 'Oh, that you would bless me and enlarge my territory! Let your hand be with me, and keep me from harm so that I will be free from pain.' And God granted his request."
- **Philippians 2:3:** "Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves."

Discussion Questions

The sermon focuses on three key questions about how we handle "more" from God. Let’s dive into each one.

1. **What Would You Do if You Had More Influence?**
 - The pastor said, "Influence is never about you. It is always about others." How have you seen this play out in your life or someone else’s?
 - Share a time when someone’s influence (positive or negative) impacted you. What made their influence effective?
 - The sermon warns that influence can outgrow character. How can we ensure our character keeps pace with any influence God gives us?
2. **What Would You Do if You Had More Power (Anointing)?**
 - The pastor defines "power" as the Holy Spirit’s work in us and "anointing" as divine selection for a purpose. How do you see these two working together in your life?
 - Have you ever experienced a moment where you felt God’s power or anointing working through you (like sharing a testimony or helping someone)? What was it like?
 - What holds you back from asking for or stepping into more of God’s power? How can this group support you in that?
3. **What Would You Do if God Gave You the Desire of Your Heart?**
 - The pastor suggests that as we grow closer to God, our desires align with His. What’s one desire in your heart right now—does it feel self-focused or Kingdom-focused?

- Read Psalm 37:3-4 together. What does it look like to "delight yourself in the Lord" in a practical way this week?
- If money were no object and success were guaranteed, what would you do for God's Kingdom? How does that connect to your purpose?

Application

- **Personal Reflection:** Take a moment silently to think about which of these three areas (influence, power, heart's desire) you feel God nudging you to grow in. Write down one step you can take this week to respond (e.g., pray for character growth, share a testimony, surrender a desire to God).
- **Group Share:** If you're comfortable, share your step with the group. How can we pray for or encourage each other in this?

Homework

- Like the pastor suggested, share with one person this week something God has done in your life. If your group has a chat or social media space, post about how it went!

Closing Prayer

- Invite group members to pray aloud or silently for each other based on the discussion and application steps. End with this prompt: "Father, thank You for calling us to more—more influence, more power, and more of Your heart's desires. Help us to grow in character, rely on Your Spirit, and live for Your Kingdom. Guide us this week as we take steps toward You. In Jesus' name, Amen."