

Message Discussion Guide

Date: July 20th & 21st

Title: Summer at The Journey | Week 8

Connect with Each Other:

Icebreakers

- What is a simple act of kindness you've experienced recently that made a significant impact on you?
- If you could have dinner with any historical figure, who would it be and why?

Pray Together

Dear heavenly Father, we thank you for gathering us together today. We are grateful for the opportunity to discuss your word and grow in our faith. As we dive into today's message, open our hearts and minds to understand and apply your teachings. Guide our conversation and help us to see how we can be more generous and faithful in our daily lives. We love you and honor you, in Jesus' name, Amen.

Connect with God:

Key Bible Verses

- Ephesians 6:21-24 (NIV)
"21 Tychicus, the dear brother and faithful servant in the Lord, will tell you everything, so that you also may know how I am and what I am doing. 22 I am sending him to you for this very purpose, that you may know how we are, and that he may encourage you. 23 Peace to the brothers and sisters, and love with faith from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. 24 Grace to all who love our Lord Jesus Christ with an undying love."
- Luke 9:12-17 (NIV)
"12 Late in the afternoon the Twelve came to him and said, 'Send the crowd

away so they can go to the surrounding villages and countryside and find food and lodging, because we are in a remote place here.' 13 He replied, 'You give them something to eat.' They answered, 'We have only five loaves of bread and two fish—unless we go and buy food for all this crowd.' 14 (About five thousand men were there.) But he said to his disciples, 'Have them sit down in groups of about fifty each.' 15 The disciples did so, and everyone sat down. 16 Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke them. Then he gave them to the disciples to distribute to the people. 17 They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over."

- Romans 12:1 (MSG)

"So here's what I want you to do, God helping you: Take your everyday, ordinary life—your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life—and place it before God as an offering. Embracing what God does for you is the best thing you can do for him."

Message Summary

Pastor Aaron's message focused on the story of Tychicus, a faithful servant who played a vital but often overlooked role in the early church. The message emphasizes that God sees and values every contribution, no matter how small it may seem. Just as Tychicus was instrumental in delivering Paul's message, our everyday actions and gifts are significant in God's story. The message also draws from the feeding of the 5,000, highlighting that God can do much with what we consider insufficient. The key takeaway from his message was that God values our willingness to give and serve, no matter how small our contributions may appear.

Sticky statement

Discussion Questions

1. Pastor Aaron mentioned that God sees and values every contribution, even

those that seem insignificant. Can you think of a time when you felt your efforts or contributions went unnoticed, but later realized they had a significant impact?

2. Tychicus played a crucial role in Paul's ministry, even though he wasn't widely recognized. How can you find purpose and value in your own role within your community or church, even if it's not front and center?
3. How does understanding that God values every contribution affect your perspective on serving and giving in your daily life?
4. What are some practical ways you can start offering your "ordinary life" as an act of worship and service to God?