

Embrace Your Design, Part One

As you study your questions this week, make a note of any you are more eager to discuss, especially ones that fall at the end of the page. I know some groups never make it that far. There are topics and questions that may help you grow and learn more with input from others. If you see you're running out of time, each group member should feel free to ask to skip ahead to relevant-to-them questions.

You'll notice we have fewer questions this week. I want to provide you with plenty of discussion material, but I also want you to have the freedom to share liberally without feeling rushed. Some feel unsatisfied if we don't cover all the questions. Some feel most satisfied having more open conversations. I'm confident we can strike a balance between both. I'm just thankful that we are all open to allowing our groups to become what they need to be overtime.

Questions:

Slay a Giant

Do you have what it takes to slay a giant?

- 1) When was the moment you realized "we are here," that the end is near?
- 2) Do you feel we as Christians are facing a giant when it comes to the rise of evil in our world?
- 3) Are you confident in your ability to share what's going on with others?
- 4) Share a success or a failure story of an attempt you made to tell what you know.
- 5) How did that experience increase your confidence or heighten your fear?

Spirit's Power

"But the LORD said to Samuel, 'Do not look at his appearance or at the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for God sees not as man sees, for man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart.'" (1 Samuel 16:7)

- 1) Does the Lord look at our size or stature to determine if we can be of use?
- 2) What does 1 Samuel 16:13 say happened to David "from that day forward"?
- 3) Is it by or through our own power that we are enabled to warn others that the rapture is so near?
- 4) We, as believers, have the Spirit of the living God within us, the same Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead (Romans 8:11). Why then do we oftentimes feel so powerless?

- 5) Do you find yourself filled with more hesitation than bravery when it comes to speaking up?

Accept Your Role

It's time to stop fighting your design and instead work with the One who uniquely formed you to serve in a unique-to-you way.

- 1) Have you ever asked yourself what your role may be in this end-time scenario and how you can help? Did you come to any conclusion that you would like to share with the group?
- 2) Read Isaiah 45:9. Why is it important to embrace the way God uniquely made you?
- 3) Have you compared your gifts with others and considered yourself lacking?
- 4) In the past (or even the present), do you feel you have underestimated or undervalued your place in the kingdom?

Silent Mode

While I have done plenty to undermine and undervalue my place in the kingdom, I'm not the only one. Whispers still come telling me no one wants to hear what I have to say.

- 1) Who has the most to gain by undermining your confidence and keeping you still and quiet?
- 2) Are you willing to let the enemy defeat you by keeping you silent?
- 3) What are some of the lies the enemy whispers? How much do you agree with him?
- 4) Do you find you are more emboldened when in the company of others who see what you see and know what you know about the last days?
- 5) Since most pastors are silent, how will the lost and found know if we, the awakened sheep, don't sound the wake-up call?

Next week we will begin to explore how we are uniquely designed and how God might use us on the battlefield to help sound the alarm that the King is indeed coming.