



The Power of a Dream

Warm-up

Pick a word that describes your life right now.

Did you know you were created by God for an extraordinary purpose only you can fulfill? In this lesson we will look at how your interests can point to your God-given dream. Moreover, we will discuss how to find and how to make your God-driven dream a reality.

Word and Application

A biblical dream is a God-given picture in your mind and heart that reveals what you were created to *be* and *do*. A dream will take your focus off your current trials and bring you to a place greater than yourself, thus creating a need for God to be part of the vision.

Read Proverbs 4:23, I Samuel 16:7 and Judges 6:11-16.

How does our heart towards God impact the purpose and dreams He has given us?

In each of us, God has hardwired us with specific gifts, talents, and interests in a way that only you can execute. Sometimes we allow wrong thinking or obstacles get in the way of walking in the specific calling God has for us.

Let's discuss what is holding you back from this awesome calling God has for your life so you can walk into all God created you to be.

Read II Timothy 1:7.

What does this passage say about irrational fear that can stop us from living out our purpose? What are some fears that prevent people from pursuing God-given dreams? Where does fear come from and

how can we overcome them?

Read Mark 9:23.

How can an unhealthy self-image stop us from our calling? What is the truth about who you are in Christ and how does that impact your purpose?

Read Proverbs 29:18.

When we lose our purpose we become bored, even depressed or anxious. In what areas of your life have you lost the excitement for your hobbies and interests?

Read Proverbs 24:16, Philippians 4:13 & I John 4:18.

The difference between successful people and unsuccessful people is that successful people don't get derailed by failure or fear. They get back on track and keep going. Failure is not a stumbling block on the way to your dream. Failure is not having a dream or not even trying in the first place. Babe Ruth hit 714 home runs but struck out 1,333 times. R.P. Macy failed 7 times before gaining success with Macy's Department store. God can use our failures to teach us, motivate us and cultivate our character.

Share a time when you overcame a perceived *failure* by trying again, persevering or getting back on track..

God never puts you in a place that you can't break through with Him. How can a disappointment actually be one of the best things to happen in your life? What fears, disappointments, or failures do you need to give to God and trust Him? What is one thing you can do to get past these obstacles?

Read Ephesians 3:20.

How do you know if it is God's dream?

1. It is bigger than you.
2. You can't let it go.
3. It will last forever.
4. It meets a need nobody else has met.
5. It brings glory to God.

What is the dream that has been burning inside of you since you were small? What comes easy to you that others in your group find difficult (organizing, speaking, creating, fixing things etc.)?

Write down one thing you can do to get closer to reaching that God given dream. Sometimes it takes 20 seconds of courage. Making that needed phone call, filling out an application or writing the plan is a starting point.

Prayer

Ask God to light the fire of your dreams of your heart. Ask Him to give you wisdom and discernment how to practically walk into the purpose He has for your life. Pray for specific needs in your group.