



Life Groups 2018

NLC Life Group Sermon Study

Week of March 11, 2018

Sermon: Guest Speaker | Dave Donaldson
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Life Group Schedule

15 MIN Eat, Meet & Greet

OPENING PRAYER

45–60 MIN Guest Speaker, Dave Donaldson

- If God can give it to you, He can give it through you.

READ LEVITICUS 23:22

- The Bible is clear about making a difference financially: Tithe the first 10%, and leave the corners of the field for the poor.
- When disaster strikes, the church needs to be there, so that there's a continuum of care.
- There are many serious challenges around the world where the church can make a difference:
 - › local poverty,
 - › human trafficking,
 - › civil war in Syria and the subsequent displacement of over 1.5 million people,
 - › the opening of communist countries to multinational churches,
 - › the lack of basic care (clean water, nourishing food, and adequate shelter) in many parts of the world.

SO WHAT CAN YOU DO?

- Pray for victims.
 - › For their strength and salvation. (Ps. 138:7; Is 40:29; Luke 19:10)
 - › For their protection, freedom and justice. (Ps. 82:4; Ps. 103:6; Ps. 146:7)
 - › For their hope and healing. (Ps. 40:1-3; Jer. 30:17; Jer. 31:17)
- Pray for the wicked, for those who victimize others.
 - › For conviction, repentance, and salvation. (Is. 55:7; Rom. 5:6-8; 2 Tim. 2:25)
 - › For criminal networks to be dismantled. (Ps. 7:9; Ps. 37:17; Ps. 37:20;
 - › For oppressors to be arrested and prosecuted. (Is. 16:4; Jer. 22:3; Amos 5:15a)
- Pray for root causes.
 - › Against poverty. (Prov. 14:21; Is. 58:7; Is 61:1)
 - › Against greed. (Joel 3:3-6; Lk. 12:15)

- › Against prejudice. (Gen. 1:27; Ps. 45:9; Gal. 3:28)
- Pray for the church.
 - › To awaken to the issue. (Is. 60:1-2; Matt. 5:13-14; Matt. 16:18)
 - › For advocates and laborers to emerge. (Ps. 94:16; Pr. 31:8; Mt. 9:37-38)
 - › To unite against injustice. (Ps. 133:1; Jn. 17:23; Rom. 15:5)
- Pray for governments.
 - › For corruption to cease. (Deut. 16:19; Am. 5:12; Zech 8:16)
 - › To implement just legislation. (Pr. 8:15; Pr. 29:4; Neh. 9:13)
 - › For discernment in forming alliances. (I Kings 3:12; Pr. 3:21; Ecc. 4:9-12)
- Pray for global awareness.
 - › That what is hidden gets exposed. (Mk. 4:22; Lk. 12:2; Eph. 5:13)
 - › For strategies to raise awareness. (Ps. 25:4; Pr. 3:5-6; Is. 55:9)
 - › For people to be stirred to action. (Is. 58:6-7; Ja. 1:22; Ja. 2:16-17)
- Let your heart be broken by the things that break the heart of God.
 - › Invest your time, resources, and prayer in compassion projects.
 - › Bless Israel.

Q1. Discuss a time when you needed strength, healing, and protection. How did strength, healing, or protection come for you in that time?

Q2. What do you see God is up to in your city, state, neighboring states, the nation, or the world, and how can you participate?

Q3. What pierced your heart when thinking through the challenges that were brought forward in this weekend's sermon?

Q4. How Does Romans 5:6-8 challenge our thinking to be more like Christ?

PRAY TOGETHER THROUGH ANY NEED THAT HAS SURFACED.

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