

Lifegroups

SETLIST (worship optional)

How Great is Our God by Todd Galberth
Mighty to Save by Israel Houghton
Stand Forever by Todd Dulaney

<u>ICEBREAKER</u>

Imagine you're in a movie. What song would play when you walk in the scene? And why?

OPEN IN PRAYER AND PLAY VIDEO

SCRIPTURE (do not read until prompted in the discussion questions)
James 1:17 | Romans 11:29 | Proverbs 18:16 | 2 Timothy 1:6-7

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Read James 1:17. Every gift given to us is from God and he doesn't do take-backs. The gifts that God gives us show the love he has for us. And how we use our gifts shows the love we have for him. Sometimes we think if someone has a great gift they are living a perfect life and get disappointed when their private life is not as spotless as we think. Also, we think that gifts should be taken away if someone is living a wrong life. But your gift and calling is irrevocable. Read Romans 11:29. No matter what, God will not take your gift away. But he wants to see you use that gift to glorify him. Do you think gifts should be taken away if they don't glorify God? Have you always used your gifts for God?
- Proverbs 18:16 says, A man's gift makes room for him, And brings him before great men. Once you discover your gift you never have to manipulate or position yourself for others to "see you". Gifts will get you in the door but your character will keep you there. Character allows you to

maintain presence at the table of great men and women. Sometimes we are so focused on our gift that we forget to pay attention to our character.

Is your character ready to sit at the table with mighty men and women? How would you act and say if you were at a table with people such as Pastor Ron & Hope Carpenter, Bishop TD Jakes, Joyce Meyer, Joel Osteen, Priscilla Shrier, Steven Furtick, Beth Moore and Dharius Daniels? (If you don't know who some of these people are, research with your group)

- Gifts are developed privately before they are on display publicly. When David was celebrated for killing Goliath no one saw him kill the lions and bears in the fields. Jesus worked in obscurity for 30 years- studied the word and developed his prayer life for 3 years of ministry. Joseph interpreted a bakers and a cupbearers dream before going before the king and interpreting his dream. Some people feel like they keep toiling and working and no one sees their hard work. KEEP GOING! There will be a day that God will put you in the forefront and all that work will get you ready. Do you feel that no one sees your hard work? What do you think it is preparing you for?
- Before cooking you have to prepare all the ingredients because the full meal is hidden. The furniture is hidden in the trees. There are things that are hidden in you. Things that haven't been uncovered or revealed just yet and there are some people that are frustrated because you know its there.
 Are you frustrated with the process and haven't been able to share your gifts yet? What gift do you want to be revealed?
- We have to pay attention to 3 indicators to know what your gift is: 1. What do you see? What you pay attention to is an indicator of the gift you posses. 2. What makes you angry? Anger is a revelation to what you are called to solve. 3. What makes you cry? Your emotions are an indicator of what is important in your soul. Ask the group: What do you see? What makes you angry? What makes you cry?

OUR CHALLENGE

This week your challenge is to recognize what your gifting is. You may know some gifts but find out what stirs your soul so much that you want to change things. What do you see? What makes you angry? What makes you cry?