



Lifegroups | Special Guest Pastor Tavner Smith

ICEBREAKER

This is the time to connect with those in your group!
For all those that have been involved in Lifegroups what have you missed most about Lifegroups during the break? For those that are newly joining Lifegroups, what are you most expectant for in your Lifegroup?

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MESSAGE SUMMARY

If you're going to change the game then it's about you getting all of God and God getting all of you. But that can only happen when you find the right spot. And when you find just the right spot then life seems a little sweeter. Finding the right spot in life will bring greater blessing because that is when you use your gifts for God's purpose and not your own.

SCRIPTURE *(do not read until prompted in the discussion questions)*
Philippians 3:13-14 | 1 Peter 5:8

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Pastor Tavner talked about 4 ways to get into your right spot; the first is to ***Get over your past.*** It's a new year so lets do something different! Let's get over our pity party, victim mentality! We are children of God, which means we are to look forward and stop looking behind us. **Read Philippians 3:13-14.** Paul had to be real with his past but he also had to move forward to a greater future. ***What are some things from your past that are holding you back? (ex. Poor mentality- so you think you will always stay struggling, victim mentality- you think everyone else is always out to get you.)***
Who do you need to forgive today from what they did in your past?

Repeat after me: Devil! You can't have me! Your plan didn't work, God forgave me and I'm moving on!!

- The second thing you need to do to get into your right spot is, ***Get under spiritual leadership.*** You need to get connected to the right house. You can't be a once a month churchgoer and expect to get all the blessings. If you want to grow up you got to show up. Don't be just the hearer of the word but be a doer. ***Are you dedicated to one church or do you visit multiple churches? How can you stay accountable to the right spiritual leadership? (ex. Being dedicated to spiritual leadership doesn't mean you can't hear other Pastors. Be dedicated to one house.)***
- The third thing you need to do to get into your right spot is, ***Get around a life giving community.*** 1 Peter 5:8 says, *Stay alert! Watch out for your great enemy, the devil. He prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour.* When we are alone the devil pounces! He points his finger and makes you feel bad when life is not going great. Don't get trapped in the world of social media that makes everyone look like they have it all together! We all have baggage and THAT'S OK! ***How can your Lifegroup help you when the devil is attacking? What is some baggage that you are afraid to let the outside world know about? (ex. Lonely, insecure, bad hair day, lost your job etc.)***
- The fourth thing you need to do to get into your right spot is, ***Get in your calling.*** Sometimes we think that people need to see work in our purpose for it to be real. Those who were walking in their purpose were the only ones who saw Jesus' first miracle, when he turned water into wine. Pour your gift into his house and change the game. No matter what gift you've been given God never gave you your gift just to bless you, he gave it to you to bless others. And when you bless others then you will experience the full blessing. ***Do you know your purpose and/or gifts? If so, what are they and how can you pour them into the house of God? If not, what can you do today to find your purpose/gifts?***

CONCLUSION

Finding your right spot is all about challenging yourself to get over, get under, get around and to get in. When you can move away from where the devil wants to keep you then the full blessing will be poured out for you and through you.

OUR CHALLENGE

For this week, take inventory of the things from your past that you are holding on to that keep you from your future. It could be words spoken over you or something that happened to you that you use as an excuse to not grow in the Lord. Once you realize

that then dedicate yourself to one house alone, continue in your Lifegroup and sign up to serve! Don't just sit and receive without giving back. **Jesus didn't come to be served but to serve.**