



Talking through the message during the week helps you turn what God is saying to you into action steps. These talking points, questions, and scriptures are designed to help you take the next step. If you're leading a group through this guide, don't feel like you have to answer every question. Pick out those questions that will stir up conversation and action among your group. ~ Pastor Matt

KEY THOUGHT

The church in America today needs another great awakening. You can't plan or program an awakening. You can repent an awakening, however, but repentance is never so easy. It requires deep humility, which is hard to come by.

OPEN

- Has the church in America served as a transformative agent in our culture, or has our culture served to transform the church?
- What's one idea from the message that really stood out to you? Why did this idea grab your attention?

DISCUSSION

#1 – We are in need of a higher view of God. (1 Peter 1:15-16)

- What does culture say you need to be happy?
- How much of your day do you spend seeking out things that make you happy?
- If God doesn't just want you happy, then what does He want?

#2 – We are in need of a higher view of Scripture. (Acts 17:10-12)

- What does it mean to have a high view of scripture? How do you personally practice this in your own life?
- Is there a qualitative difference in obeying God because I *have to* versus because I *want to*?

#3 – We need a higher view of what it means to live in the Kingdom of God. (Mark 8:31-34)

- Read Matthew 13:44-46. *Just like those two men were willing to give up everything they owned so they could possess that treasure and that pearl, your commitment to Me must be greater than your commitment to anything else on earth."* Do you possess that kind of overwhelming hunger to possess Jesus? Where does that kind of hunger come from? What makes people like you and me willing to fully follow Christ? - Pastor Bill
- Do you struggle with people pleasing? Share about a time were the concern was to please man rather than God.

NEXT STEPS

- Discover Jesus.
- Recognize His worth. Don't you see the treasure He is to you? Isn't it time for some real joy in your life. Isn't it time to joyfully give your life to Him?
- Pray for revival