

SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

“Hope in Destiny”

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THE WEEK OF SUNDAY, March 16, 2008

Ice Breaker (optional):

- 1) If you could do anything in this world (don't let practical things like finances, resources, gifting, etc. hold you back on this question) what would you do with your life?
- 2) What do you feel most passionate about?

Sermon Questions:

1. Have you ever had a “Popeye moment”? Has anything ever pushed you to the point of not being able to “stanzit no more”?
2. In Gary Haugen’s book, “Good News About Injustice”, he writes about the “battlefield of hope”. Why does he point to this “battlefield” amongst others as the most fierce? What happens without hope in a world where so much evil exists?
3. He continues to say, “...all that is necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing.” Why is “inaction” so devastating? Why do we often turn the cheek and look the other way when we hear of injustice happening in other countries or even in our own backyard?
4. Proverbs 13:12 says, “Hope deferred makes the heart sick...” Why does hope have the capacity to keep us healthy? How are hope and faith related and both necessary in our spiritual walk?
5. As a church we are moving towards a vision that looks something like this: “Love God, love people, reach the world to help people find their destiny in Jesus Christ.” Why are all three parts necessary in the life of a follower of Jesus?
6. Pastor Dan shared five stages that one may go through as they move forward with pursuing their destiny in Jesus.
 1. Nesting (the beginning, a vision nestles in your heart)
 2. Testing (asking people around you about it)
 3. Investing
 4. Arresting (dealing with opposition)
 5. Cresting (the vision comes to be)

How did Jesus’ life and ministry go through these five stages? Please review them with detail.

7. Read Jeremiah 29:11. Pray over this piece of scripture as a group that God would provide or continue to provide you with a strong sense of vision for the future he has for you and for hope to carry you forward despite any obstacle that may come your way.