

DEEP SIX STUDY

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Signs of Life – “A God-Driven Life”

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MESSAGE HIGHLIGHTS (You can view the full message on Facebook or at live.capecodchurch.com/live)

Opening: (1 Chronicles 4:9-10) – The “Prayer of Jabez” became famous through a book and devotional several years ago. The premise: ask God to “expand your territory” and he will. What does that prayer have to teach us about missions? If we pray it as “God, expand my *impact for your kingdom*,” he’ll honor that – as he did for Brian and Rachel Weed two decades ago – and he’ll show us how to live out a God-driven life. “God dares us to ask for big stuff” – here’s how we pursue that life:

1. Seek A God-Sized Vision

- Jabez saw God for who he was and for what he could do as the creator-God of the universe; nothing is impossible for God, so why not ask for “impossible” things that will bring him glory?
- As God’s Church, we too should think in “God-sized” ways and seek a God-sized vision – a vision to “expand God’s territory” in taking the gospel to all peoples and nations.
- Thinking “God-sized” is that only thing that makes the Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20) possible in a world of almost 8 billion people – many of whom have never heard Jesus’ name.

2. Expect Miracles

- In “daring to ask for ‘big stuff’ we express our faith in a God who can do anything. We’re called to ask for and expect God to do miracles as he pursues those he loves through us.

3. Do Anything God Asks

- As we seek God’s guidance and direction in our lives, we have to be ready to respond when he makes it clear what he wants us to do. Like Allison, we may be called to leave a life of “success” and comfort to follow God’s calling.
- In the grand scheme of eternity, our individual lives are no more than a “blip” as time marches on. The Big Question for all of us who follow Jesus: “What are you going to do with your ‘blip’?”

4. Give God Our Best

- There is a real God and a real heaven where those who have trusted Jesus will be with him for eternity. God wants *everyone* to be with him, so sharing the gospel with all people is the most important work any of us can be involved with. It’s absolutely worth our best effort.
- Allison answered the key question: “Why? Why would I, and so many others, give up so much to pursue a life of sharing the gospel with people around the world? *Because God is worth it!*”
- Seek God’s direction and he’ll show you – pray, “God, what will you have me do?” Then use your ‘blip’ to “seek the God stuff, not just the good stuff.”

ADDITIONAL SCRIPTURE

These passages may provide additional insights related to the subject of this week's message. Verses from NLT unless otherwise noted.

Proverbs 3:5-6; Psalm 32:8; Isaiah 30:21; Matthew 7:7-8; Matthew 28:18-20; 1 John 3:17-22

Video of the Week: [Gospel of the Kingdom](#) by the Bible Project

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION AND DISCUSSION

1. Does the idea of going on a mission trip to a foreign country appeal to you? Why or why not?
2. Brian Weed tossed out an intriguing statement at the beginning of his message – he said, “God dares us to ask for ‘big stuff.’” What do you think he meant by that? Do you agree?
3. Read Matthew 28:18-20. In this passage, Jesus is speaking to his disciples and giving them their “marching orders.” Do you believe that his “Great Commission,” as this passage is called, should still be the #1 task of his followers today? Why or why not?
4. Allison (first speaker) told a compelling story of how she was led by God (“called”) to serve him in a way she never expected to serve. Have you ever experienced a similar leading by God to do something you weren’t sure about? What was that experience like?
5. Brian Weed told us that one of the ways we pursue a “God-driven life” is to “expect miracles.” Do you expect miracles to happen in your life or in the lives of others whom you pray for? Why or why not?
6. As you consider the projects and goals we’ve talked about over the last two Sundays and our call to as a church to “Pray, Give and Go,” do you have a sense that you’re being led to do something specific in response? What do you think that calling might be?