

GREATER PROMISE

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Reflecting on the sermon's discussion of the Prayer of Jabez (1 Chronicles 4:10), how can we apply Jabez's request for God's blessing and expansion of territory to our own lives? In what ways might we ask God to enlarge our spiritual and ministry influence?
2. The sermon touched on the theme of cultivation and growth, particularly during times of uncertainty and challenge. Can you share a personal experience where discomfort led to growth in your faith? How does James 1:2-4 speak to this experience?
3. In light of the sermon's focus on genuine community, how can we practically "bear one another's burdens" (Galatians 6:2) within our congregation? What are some specific ways we can demonstrate this commitment to each other?
4. Service was a significant theme in the sermon. Discuss how Matthew 25:35-40 guides us in our approach to service. What steps can we take to ensure that our service is an authentic expression of Jesus' love for "the least of these"?
5. The sermon highlighted the importance of embracing change and stepping out in faith. Discuss how Proverbs 3:5-6 can encourage us when facing new directions or decisions in our lives. Share a time when you had to trust in the Lord rather than lean on your own understanding.
6. The concept of a "greater love, hope, and purpose" was presented in the sermon. How does 1 Corinthians 13:4-7 define love, and how can we apply this definition to the way we interact with our community?
7. The sermon emphasized the need to move from comfort to calling. In what areas of your life is God challenging you to step out of your comfort zone to fulfill a greater calling? Discuss how Isaiah 6:8 can inspire us to respond to God's call.
8. Considering the sermon's call to action for service, what practical steps can you take to be more involved in initiatives that meet the needs of your local community? How can you use your unique gifts and talents in these efforts?
9. The sermon spoke about the impact of sharing simple acts of kindness. How do you interpret the teaching in Hebrews 13:16 regarding doing good and sharing with others? Share examples of how small acts have made a significant difference in someone's life.
10. The sermon concluded with a focus on cultivating the seeds of compassion and service. Discuss the parable of the sower (Matthew 13:1-23) and how it relates to the work of planting seeds in our community. What kind of soil do you believe your heart to be, and how can it affect your service to others?