PROMISE KEEPERS
VIRTUAL EXPERIENCE
BIBLE STUDY & DISCUSSION GUIDE
INTRODUCTION

At Promise Keepers, we believe in backing up our beliefs with action: commitment to keep the 7 Promises is ultimately a response to God’s grace and saving work in our lives. This guide is meant to help you respond: Go deeper, grow stronger, and learn alongside other men of God.

This summer, we launched Promise Keepers 2020—a virtual event featuring sessions by leaders from across the country. If you haven’t yet accessed the Promise Keepers 2020 Virtual Experience, please visit our website, as this guide is a companion to that event. To learn more about Promise Keepers and upcoming events, visit promisekeepers.org.
THE 7 PROMISES

Promise Keepers is built around the foundation of God’s Word. Since the beginning, we have committed to specific promises about how we will commit to applying the Bible in our lives.

The 7 Promises of Promise Keepers are the ways in which we apply the Word of God in daily actions.

**PROMISE 1: HONOR**
A Promise Keeper is committed to honoring Jesus Christ through worship, prayer and obedience to God's Word in the power of the Holy Spirit.

**PROMISE 2: BROTHERHOOD**
A Promise Keeper is committed to pursuing vital relationships with a few other men, understanding that he needs brothers to help him keep his promises.

Promise 3: VIRTUE
A Promise Keeper is committed to practicing spiritual, moral, ethical, and sexual purity.

Promise 4: COMMITMENT
A Promise Keeper is committed to building strong marriages and families through love, protection and biblical values.

Promise 5: CHANGEMAKING
A Promise Keeper understands that Jesus calls him to be His hands and feet, serving others with integrity. He purposely lifts up the leadership of the church and his nation in prayer.

Promise 6: UNITY
A Promise Keeper is committed to reaching beyond any racial and denominational barriers to demonstrate the power of biblical unity.

Promise 7: OBEDIENCE
A Promise Keeper is committed to influencing his world, being obedient to the Great Commandment and the Great Commission.
PROMISE KEEPERS LEADERSHIP
KEN HARRISON · JUDGE VANCE DAY

PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS
INTERNATIONAL JUSTICE MISSION
Interview with Anu George
ijm.org

WORLD VISION USA
Interview with Edgar Sandoval, Sr.
worldvision.org

CORE MINISTRY
coreunites.com

OATH PROJECT
signtheoath.org

PROMISE KEEPERS 2020 SPEAKERS

BOB GOFF
“Walking with God in Uncertainty”

JOHN GRAY
“God’s Amazing Grace and His Restorative Power”

DR. TONY EVANS
“Created to be Crowned as a Kingdom Husband and Father”

STEVE BERGER
“A Call to Repentance”

ANDREW & LUIS PALAU
“Fathers, Love Your Family Into the Kingdom”

BISHOP JOSEPH GARLINGTON
JOHN ELDREDGE  
“You Have the Heart of a Warrior,  
You Have What It Takes”

STEVE ARTERBURN  
“The Painful Consequences of Pornography”

WORLD VISION CEO, EDGAR SANDOVAL JR.  
“A Vision Impact to the World”

MILES MCPHERSON

DAVID J. HARRIS  
“The Desire to Encounter God”

KEN COLEMAN  
“Discover Your Calling in Your Career”

DAVID & JASON BENHAM  
*Interview: A Ministry Calling in the Business Marketplace*

MARK BATTERSON  
“Chasing & Empowering Your God-Given Dreams”

GREG STIER  
“Go Share the Gospel and Tell Us Your Story”

ALSO FEATURED
ALLAN HOUSTON  
JONATHAN EVANS  
REGGIE DABBS

JEFF RASOR  
Emcee

WORSHIP ARTISTS
MICHAEL W. SMITH · DANNY GOKEY  
PHIL WICKHAM · EVAN WICKHAM  
BISHOP JOSEPH GARLINGTON  
CALVIN NOWELL · CRAIG AVEN  
MICHAEL GUTIERREZ
WORSHIP SONGS

“Raise a Hallelujah”
“Never Lost”
“Haven’t Seen it Yet”
“Way Maker”
“Miracles”
“Great Things”
“Love God, Love People”
“Knowing You (All I Once Held Dear)”
“Build My Life”
“Do It Again”
“Surrounded (Fight My Battles)”
“King of Glory”
“Yes and Amen”
“Living Hope”
“My Worship”
“Spirit Break Out”
Callout/Key Take Away

“Jesus’ prayer for me and you is that we would understand what his relationship with God is by having people see our relationship with one another.”

Scripture

“I have brought you glory on earthy by finishing the work you gave me to do.” – John 17:4 (NIV)

Discussion/Reflection Questions

Bob Goff tells us that it is important to finish the work that God set before us to do, and that means different things to all of us.

1) How do you feel about the idea that God has given you something to do for His glory? Is that a new concept or new idea? What stands in the way of you hearing from God in that way?

2) What work has God set before you that you have yet to complete? What is holding you back from taking a step of faith to move toward that work or completing that work?

3) In a world full of chaos and pressure, what can you do to find or create a quiet place, where you can do business with God, and begin to hear from Him the work He has given you to do and the steps you can take to complete that work?

What Can I Do Next?

Share and discuss these questions with other men of God—whether that is through your church, or through finding a group of men in the Promise Keepers app.

Listen to the PK 2020 messages from Ken Coleman, Jason and David Benham, and Mark Batterson to stir up more insight on the work God has called you to do.

Consider engaging a Christian Life and Career Coach to help you go deeper and get clarity into these important topics.
Callout/Key Take Away

“Peter had been prompted by God, who said to him, ‘You are going to have an encounter.’ So, Peter prepared himself to have an encounter and then Peter saw something that he hadn’t seen before and it awakened something him.”

Scripture

“While talking with Cornelius, Peter went inside and found a large gathering of people. He said to them, ‘You are well aware that it is against our law for a Jew to associate with or visit a Gentile. But God has shown me that I should not call anyone impure or unclean.’” – Acts 10:27-28 (NIV)

Discussion/Reflection Questions

Bishop Joseph Garlington shares about his first experience of attending a Promise Keepers event and how he was personally impacted by seeing a rich diversity of men from every background getting along and encountering Jesus in a powerful way together.

1) What can you do to raise your level of expectancy that God can use men in your life to help you experience more of Jesus? What can you do to grow, learn, and be encouraged from the diversity of men found in the Body of Christ (racially and denominationally)?

2) Bishop Garlington quotes the late James Ryle, saying, “Grace is the empowering presence of God that enables me to be what He has created me to be and to do what He has called me to do.” When was the last time you asked God to pour out His empowering grace on your life to move you deeper into what you were created to be and do?

3) What can you do in your schedule to leave or create room to seek encounters with God to experience His empowering grace?

What Can I Do Next?

Ask God right now – through prayer or through journaling – to pour out His grace on your life – to empower you to embrace unity in the Body of Christ and to empower you to live out who you were created to be.

Save the date “October 25, 2020” for a special Promise Keepers program that addresses how we can live out Promise #6 by seeking unity and reconciliation across racial and denominational differences.

Follow Promise Keepers on social media and in the Promise Keepers app to discover community and brotherhood with men all across the world.
SPEAKER MILES MCPHERSON

Callout/Key Take Away

“When I let go, we dropped at 120 mph, and it was one of the most exciting things I have ever done. And, the only way that could have ever happened is that I had to let go.”

Scripture

“Shortly before dawn Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake. When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified... But Jesus immediately said to them: ‘Take courage! It is I. Don’t be afraid.’ ‘Lord, if it’s you,’ Peter replied, ‘tell me to come to you on the water.’ ‘Come.’ Jesus said.” – Matthew 14:25-29 (NIV)

Discussion/Reflection Questions

Miles McPherson shares how many of us men have prayed a prayer with Jesus, but have never fully let go, never stepped out of the boat. He also shared how many of us men have never experienced Christ as savior and have never surrendered our life over to Jesus.

No matter your background, your history, or your present circumstances, Jesus is calling you out of the boat, to let go, to trust Him, to and surrender your life over to His. Are you willing to let go and fully and totally surrender every part of your life over to Christ? All you need to do is “let go.”

What can you do right now to take the next step of commitment to growing your relationship with Jesus? Is it finding a church, finding a brotherhood of men to do life with, or engaging with other promise keeper men through the PK community?

What Can I Do Next?

Download the New Believer’s Guide from the Promise Keepers app to learn how to take simple next steps to continue to let go and surrender to God in every area of your life.

Pursue godly relationships with godly men so that you continue to have the courage to “let go” with a group of brothers around you who can support, encourage, and pray for your walk with God.
Callout/Key Take Away

“Amazing Grace is a great song to sing, but it is a more powerful truth to embrace.”

Scripture

“When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, ‘Who do people say the Son of Man is?’ ...‘But what about you?’ he asked. ‘Who do you say I am?’” – Matthew 16:13-15 (NIV)

Discussion/Reflection Questions

John Gray shares how our understanding of who Jesus truly is and what his purpose is will define how we allow him to move in our lives and in our community. And, as men, we are often living in the tension between who we are and who God has called us to be. Yet, when Jesus sees us, he sees the man that He intends us to be and is developing us into.

Where in your life do you need a fresh outpouring of God’s Amazing Grace in your life? What area of your life is in desperate need of restoration, maybe an area that you have felt that there is not chance of restoration? What steps do you need to take to cooperate in the work of Jesus in that restoration?

Who in your life needs Amazing Grace to be offered from you over their decision, mistake, betrayal? What do you need to say or do in order to give them permission to experience God’s grace and your grace so that they can continue the journey of restoration?

No matter if you need God’s grace and restoration to wash over your life, or if you need to extend God’s grace and restoration over someone else’s life, what can you do to take personal responsibility for playing your role in the outpouring of God’s grace?

What Can I Do Next?

Open up your life and worst moment to the valiant men around you who won’t leave you for dead on the front lines of life, family, career, ministry, but instead will rescue you and serve your restoration

Purse encounters with Jesus in His word, in worship, and prayer that remind you of the truth of who He says he is – the author and perfector of our faith, who is on mission to bring hope, healing, and restoration

Download the Promise Keepers app and share this message with others who need a fresh outpouring of God’s amazing grace
Callout/Key Take Away

“When sin is at the point that it is today in America, we cannot pray a 1-cent prayer and expect a million-dollar answer. With passion and zeal, we have got to cry out to God mightily, with everything that we have, knowing that repentance is our only hope to see the change we need in our lives individually and as a nation corporately.”

Scripture

“If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land.” – 2 Chronicles 7:14 (NIV)

Discussion/Reflection Questions

Steve Berger reminds us that God loves us no matter what we have done, no matter how far we have fallen. And yet, it is His love that warns us of the consequences of not turning away from our sin. Steve calls us to recognize that it is our turn (timing) to make a turn (direction) away from our sin and to repentance.

It is so easy to see the need for others to repent, but it is so much harder to see where we need to repent? Where is God shining a light that you need to confess sin in your life?

Who do you need to seek forgiveness from as an act of repentance so that we can move toward restoration? What do we need to say and do in order to begin making things right, through the grace of God?

Repentance may be a moment, but restoration is a journey. What strategic steps do you need to take so that the turn of repentance that you are making remains “on course” toward hope and healing?

What Can I Do Next?

Ask God to reveal to you all the areas in your life that need a turn, a full confession, and a turn of repentance, and then take those steps.

Talk with, meet with, or schedule a time to meet with a local pastor in order to have a trusted confidant who can help you walk out the steps of repentance into a journey or restoration.

Stay connected with Godly brothers through your church or through the Promise Keepers app to keep living a life of integrity.
Callout/Key Take Away

“A Kingdom Man is a male who has learned to progressively live all of his life under the lordship and authority of Jesus Christ.”

Scripture

“Three times a year all the men are to appear before the Sovereign Lord.” – Exodus 23:17 (NIV)

Discussion/Reflection Questions

Dr. Tony Evans shares how God calls us to meet and know Him, but genuinely encountering God is so much more than showing up at church. We are to engage in a relationship with God who reveals himself to us through three names, Elohim (power name), Yahweh (relational name), and Adonai (authority name).

Where in your life are you lacking regular encounters with God's presence (Yahweh) – His closeness, intimacy, and desire for you? Where are you lacking regular encounters with God's power (Elohim) to transform your life and your circumstances? Where in your life are you lacking regular obedience to God's authority (Adonai)?

Where in your life have you abdicated, or given up or quit, your leadership role as a husband, as a father, and influencer in the world around you? What can you do to re-align your life to step into your role as a Kingdom Man who submits to God's authority consistently and demonstrates that humility to those around you?

Are you willing to embrace living daily as a Kingdom Man, one who submits to the rule of God, and to be crowned as a Kingdom representative to a culture that is desperately in need?

What Can I Do Next?

Through prayer, journaling, or sharing with a brother, mentor, or pastor, confess all the areas of your life where you are not living up to the Kingdom Man God called you to be.

Becoming a Kingdom Man is nearly impossible to do alone, so do not hesitate to seek and find a community of brothers that will inspire you and hold you accountable to become the Kingdom Man God called you to be.

Download and engage the Promise Keepers app to find a community of Kingdom Men who are progressively living life under the lordship and authority of Jesus Christ.

Stay connected with godly brothers through your church or through the Promise Keepers app to keep living a life of integrity.
**SPEAKER** LUIS & ANDREW PALAU

**Callout/Key Take Away**

“Lord, what do I tell my son, who knows of the gospel but isn’t following you? God told me to simply love him and remind him that God has a plan and a purpose for his life.”

**Scripture**

“How much more, then, will the blood of Christ, who through the enteral Spirit offered himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from acts that lead to death, so that we may serve the living God!” – Hebrews 9:14 (NIV)

**Discussion/Reflection Questions**

Luis and Andrew Palau share the story of a wayward son and a loving father – their own story – a lengthy season of rebellion met with a lengthy season of fatherly truth and grace. The story includes what Luis did to patiently love his son and how God redeemed and restored the original calling that was prophetically promised over Andrew’s life.

Where in your life are you feeling that your sin, or your rebellion, has disqualified you from serving the kingdom of God? What can you do to begin to believe that God has not rejected you, but instead a plan and a purpose for you, no matter what you have done or where you have gone astray?

Which children or other family members of yours, have fallen away and what has been your response? What can you learn from Andrew and Luis Palau about consistently loving them with fatherly grace in a way that reminds them that God has not rejected them either? What can you do to encourage them to understand that God still has a plan and purpose for their life, even that they would serve in the kingdom?

**What Can I Do Next?**

- Take a step to encounter God’s grace on your life, that God has not rejected you as a son, and that He still has a plan and a purpose for your life, even to serve in the Kingdom
- Talk to other men in your life who have found a way to love their wayward children through the heart of a Heavenly Father
- Reach out to your lost children and family members with humility, and create an opportunity to re-engage the relationship with grace, belief, and encouragement that God has a purpose and plan for their lives
Callout/Key Take Away

“Now more than ever has been recorded in history, 40.3 million people are estimated to be in slavery today, and this is one of the most conservative numbers we have.”

Scripture

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the poor; he has sent me to bind up the broken hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound.” – Isaiah 61:1 (NIV)

Discussion/Reflection Questions

In an interview with Promise Keepers’ President Vance Day, Anu George, Executive Director of International Justice Mission Canada, shares the painful reality of child slavery and sex trafficking occurring around the world in our times right now. Together, they make the case that Promise Keeping men need to become more aware of the reality of slavery’s existence and have a vital role to play in this important Kingdom work.

How did this interview illuminate a need for Promise Keeping men like you to step forward in the fight to end slavery and sex trafficking around the world today? What about this interview impacted you the most?

What did God use in this interview to stir up in you? Do God stir up a greater burden for prayer for those captive? Did God stir up a greater sense of responsibly, a true burden, for you to take action in the fight against slavery and sex trafficking?

What can you do to become a man who is no longer silent, but a man of action to use your prayers, your time, your resources, your skills to stand between the perpetrators and the victims of slavery and sex trafficking?

What Can I Do Next?

Visit www.ijm.org/PK (www.ijm.ca/pk in Canada) to become a Freedom Partner to fight slavery and sex trafficking in our world today

Text “PRAY” to 52886 (450-600-0894 in Canada) to receive updates and join IJM in praying for slavery’s end

Take responsibility to become more aware of the plight of those bound in slavery and sex trafficking around the world
Callout/Key Take Away

“I have often wondered what the church would be like and the world be like if we were more interested in getting a glimpse of heaven than getting a glimpse of some naked woman we are not married to.”

Scripture

“Among you there must not be even a hint of sexual immorality, or of any kind of impurity, or of greed, because there are improper for God’s holy people.” – Ephesians 5:3 (NIV)

Discussion/Reflection Questions

Steve Arterburn authentically shares the depth and pain of a life filled with decisions impacted by experiencing pornography at a young age. He then offers the hope found in the richness of God’s mercy to bring restoration and redemption to that what the enemy has stolen.

When was the first time you were introduced to pornography or sexual immorality? Was your introduction to this topic innocent or accidental, or was something perpetrated against you? How has that impacted your view of yourself, your identity, your sexuality, your marriage, and even God?

Steve quotes Chuck Swindoll saying, “Your past just ended one second ago, so why would you live in it?” What attitudes, actions, behaviors, and addictions are part of your past, even as recent as one second ago, that you need repentance, restoration and redemption from.

What steps do you need to take to seek restoration with others? Either with those who have hurt you, or those you have hurt because of your own sin? What courageous steps do you need to take to rise up and accept the challenge to become a man of God that He called you to be?

What Can I Do Next?

Take a deep look at the events and experiences that have impacted your view of your life, your identity, and your sexuality and begin to do the deep work of healing – whether with a mentor, a pastor, or a counselor.

Seek to offer forgiveness to those who have hurt you in the area of sexuality and seek forgiveness from those you have hurt in the area of sexuality.

Consider joining an addiction recovery group/ministry that can help you win and experience victory in every man’s battle over sexual immorality.
Callout/Key Take Away

“Make sure you have that secret place where you can meet with your PaPa God every single day and rediscover our identity in Him.”

Scripture

“By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.” – John 13:35 (NIV)

Discussion/Reflection Questions

David J. Harris shares the importance of having a secret place to encounter God so that we can rediscover our identity in Christ, so that we can love God with all our heart, mind, soul, and strength so that we can love others as ourselves.

Have you ever had a dedicated time on your calendar (daily or weekly) to seek and encounter God's presence, whether through reading and studying God’s word, or through worship, or another spiritual discipline? Did that time result in peace, or courage, or spiritual growth? How did that impact others around you?

Have you participated in racial or denominational gossip, strife, discord, and/or are currently loving God while living in discord with your brothers in Christ?

What Can I Do Next?

Create time in your calendar and space in your heart to encounter God’s presence in a genuine way.

Intentionally look for practical ways to seek unity, to spend time and develop relationships with followers of Christ who do not look (racially/ethnically) and practice their faith (denominationally) exactly as you do.
Callout/Key Take Away

“When God says, ‘I am with you,’” it is the promise of God’s intervention. It means, ‘I will help you, I will fight with and for you. You have what it takes, you have my heart in you, and you are my warrior son.’”

Scripture

“Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flow from it.” – Proverbs 4:23 (NIV)

Discussion/Reflection Questions

John Eldredge shares about the nature of the masculine heart and soul that is made for adventure, and how the journey of life has brought arrows and attacks to the point most men don’t believe they have what it takes to be a hero in their own story. John reminds us that just like in the life of Gideon, our Heavenly Father presents opportunities for us to rise up and rediscover the heart of a warrior within us.

When you were a little boy, what were your favorite types of adventures, real or make believe? What and who did you dream you could be when you grew up?

What are some of the key arrows and attacks on your masculine soul that have caused you to hole-up, to shirk back, and to choose a lesser role than the one God intended for you? How has you been thwarted and how has that manifested in your life today?

What opportunities is God presenting to you that will require you to engage your faith that He is with you, fighting for you, and that He has given you the heart of a warrior to be the hero in your own story? What circumstances have created a scenario where you need to step in, step up, and discover the warrior heart within?

What Can I Do Next?

In a community of faithful men, share and reflect on the adventurer that you once believed you were as a little boy and how that is either side-lined or alive today

Study the story of Gideon to understand and wrap your heart around the reality that even the “least of these” is called to be a warrior during difficult times

Rediscover the heart of a warrior and take courage to step into the circumstances and opportunity that God is calling you into
Callout/Key Take Away

“In my experience growing up, male spiritual leaders were really missing in action. The definition of manhood was completely upside down.”

Scripture

“The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’” – Matthew 25:40 (NIV)

Discussion/Reflection Questions

Edgar Sandoval shares the story of how his boss led him to Christ and it began the journey of following Christ, including a huge awakening experience at a Promise Keepers event. He encourages us that as we surrender the God's Spirit, no matter the difficult times we are experiencing, God uses it to move us into alignment with our calling to be ministers in His Kingdom.

Edgar’s amazing journey from being introduced to Christ by his boss, to experiencing surrender at a Promise Keepers event, to becoming a leader in a globally impacting ministry is incredible. How does his story inspire and encourage you that God can do something incredible in and through your life and career as you surrender to Him?

How can you be not only a hearer of God’s word, but a doer of God’s word also? How can you make a sacrifice to provide health and hope to the under-privileged that World Vision can reach and serve on your behalf?

What Can I Do Next?

Visit www.worldvision.org/PK or text EMPOWER TO 56170 today to get involved, to donate, or to sponsor a child with World Vision

Look for and pursue ways to be a man of action, caring for the least of these in your community and around the world

Join with a community of brothers and commit together to sponsoring “a family” of children around the world who need their basic physical and spiritual necessities to be met, who can find their hope in God through your generosity.
Callout/Key Take Away

“Men, you were created to fulfill a unique role in your work and through your work.”

Scripture

“For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.” – Ephesians 2:10 (NIV)

Discussion/Reflection Questions

Ken Coleman makes the case that one of the most important contexts for us to live our purpose is in our work. Then Ken shares three very helpful and clarifying questions that will lead us to a greater understanding of your purpose and calling in life and work.

What do I do best?  Where are my talents?  What are my skills?  What are the best abilities, or hard skills?  What are the qualities about my life, my personality, or soft skills?

What work do I love to do most?  What work am I most passionate about? Where do I experience high emotion and high devotion?

What results of my work matter deeply to me?  Who are the people I most want to help?  What need or desire in them do I want to meet and create impact?  What is the solution I have to that problem that I most want to provide?

What Can I Do Next?

Begin to answer these questions and prayerfully seek the intersection of these three questions

Come up with a one-word description and a sentence that defines the sweet spot of this intersection

Look for input, feedback, and wisdom from godly men to help you shape this more accurately and to encourage you to take the steps you need to take to move into God’s purpose for your life
Callout/Key Take Away

“God wants to use the uniqueness of you to present the uniqueness of Him, and He can do that through you right where you are in your career.”

Scripture

“Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, since you know that you will receive an inheritance form the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.” – Colossians 3:23-24 (NIV)

Discussion/Reflection Questions

In an interview with Promise Keepers’ 2020 Emcee Jeff Rasor, Jason and David Benham encourage us to remove the false belief that full-time ministry and working in the marketplace are wholly separate realities. They call us to understand that we can be missionaries in the marketplace through our work, our careers, and our businesses.

If you are in the marketplace, do you continue to feel called to the ministry, each year feeling guilt that you haven’t made the transition? If you are in the ministry, do you long for a life in the “real world” in the marketplace? Either way, what do you think about the Benham brothers making a case that marketplace and ministry were never meant to be separated? How does that impact how you feel about the role you are currently in?

How does it change your view of your career when you hear them say, “You are a minister right where you are, you are on mission to bring God’s kingdom, and your work is worship?” What can you do to reframe how you see yourself when you get dressed to go into the office, when you lead that management meeting, or when you interact with your team, your clients, and your co-workers?

What do you need to do right now to be faithful in the small things, to be faithful right where you are, to be faithful when no one is looking? How can you trust God deeper that He can use you for ministry every single day as you remain faithful to the assignment He has put in front of you right now?

What Can I Do Next?

With other brothers in Christ, share with how you feel about your career, your business, and how God wants to use it a place of ministry in your life

Seek opportunities and commit to developing new skills, sharpening your axe, and attaining new levels of education and certification in the marketplace

Deepen your understanding of God’s Word, and how you can use your walk with Jesus to encourage, witness to, and equip people in the workplace
SPEAKER MARK BATTERSON

Callout/Key Take Away

“This is a prayer that I have been praying for you – that God would open a can of pure oxygen and fill your lungs and would fill your life with His Holy Spirit.”

Scripture

“In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughter will prophesy, your young men will see visions, and your old men will dream dreams.” – Acts 2:17 (NIV)

Discussion/Reflection Questions

Mark Batterson shares about the work of the Holy Spirit to strengthen and empower us to fulfill what God has called us to. Taking it a step further, Mark challenges us that the size of our dream indicates our belief in the size of our God, and that the more we pray, the bigger our dream gets, and the more we dream, the more we need to pray.

Have you been taking credit for your success? Does your success measure up with a God-sized dream? What is your God-sized dream, the dream that is beyond your ability, past your paygrade, out of your league?

Instead of dreaming for yourself in the here and now, how can you allow the Holy Spirit to catalyze dreams within you for nations and generations?

In your fight against sin, is your defense supported by a good offense? In other words, is the dream and vision God’s Spirit has placed within you more important, more intriguing, more fulfilling than the habits and temptations that you face as a man of God, bigger than your own selfish ambition?

What Can I Do Next?

Start seeking God’s vision and dreams for your life by engaging prayer and reading of God’s Word daily

Take a personal or marriage vision retreat to seek God’s heart and to seek perspective on the trajectory of your life, marriage, career as well as that of your vision and dreams

Offer every part of who you are – internal and external, personality and physicality – to the Holy Spirit