

LEGACY LEAVERS: OPEN UP

PURSUE RELATIONALLY

To kick things off, go around the circle and ask your group to answer the following question:

What is the top thing on your “bucket-list” currently?

LIVE AUTHENTICALLY

Welcome to the first week in our series, Legacy Leavers. What about your life will outlive you? What if you got serious about your legacy? Together, we'll learn that in our surrender, God uses crazy faith and radical generosity to shape us into Legacy Leavers: those who leave a lasting impact.

What is an “earthly passion” you had when you were young that might be embarrassing to share with others now?

COUNSEL BIBLICALLY

This week Josh kicked off our series with a sermon titled, “Open Up.” In this sermon, his whole goal was to tear down the strongholds you’ve had for your entire life and replace them with biblical Godly principles. Remember: a stronghold is anything that tries to redefine what God has already defined. With that being said the principle he gave us was to be generous in all we do. This can mean forgiveness, mercy, love, material possessions and even money.

Before you dive into the scriptures, remember, “Legacy Leavers don’t live for earthly passions, Legacy Leavers live for Godly principles.”

LIFEWAY
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How do you feel about the principle of being generous in everything?

Read Luke 6:37-38

What are some strongholds you have when it comes to being generous?

Why is it hard to trust God at his word sometimes? God says give and your gift WILL return to you in full, do you believe God at his word? Why or why not?

Read Mark 4:1-20

Based on Jesus' description of the soils (Your Heart), which soil are you when it comes to generosity, (Vacant, Vulnerable, Violated and Valuable)?

If the soil of your heart is anything less than valuable, then what principles do you need to begin applying to your life that will break down the strongholds you identified earlier when it comes to being generous?

IMPORTANT: Take time to find scripture to fight these strongholds. Do not counsel each other with man's opinions or suggestions. Rather spend some time as a group finding scripture that would encourage, challenge and equip each person in the group pertaining to their soil.



DEVOTE DAILY

This week take some time reflecting on Mark 4 and identify your soil. We would encourage you to read the parable slowly and multiple times. God often doesn't work in the "quick skim" reading. He speaks to the people that are still. Pray for God to show you which soil you are, rather than what soil you think you are or wish you were.

This is a time to take a genuine, honest assessment of where your heart is. As you are able to identify the current state of your soil, ask God to help you open up to what He may have for you. Is there any area of your life that you have dedicated to a passion, rather than God's principles? Is there any principle in your life that is rooted in man's wisdom and not God's word? Is there any area of your life where you currently have a stronghold (a redefining of what God has already defined)? Choose someone in your group to hold you accountable to praying each day for God to help you open up this week, and share with them what God reveals to you.

Pray: As a group, spend some time in prayer and being still before the Lord. Ask God to help each of you to open up this week and to remove any strongholds that may be present in your life. Pray that your principles would be rooted in God's word alone, and not in any opinion or suggestion of man.

Memorize:

"Such people will not be overcome by evil. Those who are righteous will be long remembered."

- Psalm 112:6