Discussion Guide gmc WORLD PREMIERE MOVIE





James White is serving as an assistant pastor, to the assistant pastor of Sunday school in a California mega church. Pastor James is struggling with his identity in his current position as he envisions and longs for a much different future as the next "Johnny Kingman". With his pastoral career path apparently way off course (in his own mind), Pastor James laments his current status and expresses his desire to fulfill his dream and "Calling" as a successful senior pastor.

Although James is sincere about serving the Lord, his passion and value appear to be misguided as his pride has him focused on his worldly position instead of his role as a pastor. James has his sights on pastoring a mega church like the one he and his family attend. However, God has a much different and better road map for Pastor James. The underlying dilemma James is facing and must come to terms with is: Who's Will be done, Gods' or James'.

Heart Challenge #1:

"Who's Will Be Done"

- Did James accept his new assignment to advance his kingdom or God's?
- How About You are you pursing your own goals and dreams or are you seeking "The Will" of the Lord for your life?
- Identify two key areas of your life that Your Will is getting in the way of God's Will for your life.
- How is your disobedience keeping you from experiencing God's plan for your life?
- How do we know that our motives are God-centered VS self-centered?

SCRIPTURES FOR REFLECTION: Matthew 6: 9-13, Joshua 29:11, Philippians 4:11

Life Principle to Ponder: The entire Bible is God's will for mankind – a literal blueprint for a powerful life.







Heart Challenge #2:

"Is The Pride Blurring Your Vision"

1. What was keeping James from experiencing contentment and joy? And how did his sin impact his family?

> 2. What's blurring your vision for seeing God's directions, or deafening you from hearing God's voice? Can you think of a time when Pride blurred your vision and prevented you from experiencing God's true spiritual blessings (Love, Joy, Peace...)

> > 3. What were the consequences of this sin? And, are you willing to continue to live this way?

4. What strategies do you have for preventing pride from keeping you from experiencing God's best?

SCRIPTURES FOR REFLECTION: Proverbs 16, 1 Timothy 6:6, Philippians 4:6











Life Principle to Ponder:

Imagine the blessings that await you when you trust God to mold you and break the chain of Pride.







Heart Challenge #3:

"How Does God Use All Experiences To Perfect Us"

1. Did James have his expectations met with his new position and how did he handle the reality of his new career advancement? Explain the trials James and his new church family encountered.

2. How has God used the consequences of your own sin, missed expectations, unanswered prayers and difficult trials refine your own character and move you closer to becoming the man/woman God created and called you to be?

3. Share some examples of spiritual warfare and temptation that James and his church is experience? What strategies do you deploy to fight the devil and his schemes?



SCRIPTURES FOR REFLECTION: James 1: 2-25, Ephesians 6: 10-20, 1 John 4:4

Life Principle to Ponder:

Next time you experience any trials or unanswered prayers, go to your knees to praise God for your afflictions and watch the Holy Spirit transform your heart.







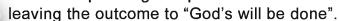
Heart Challenge #4:

"All Things Are Possible When You Believe, Trust & Obey "

1. Hearts were transformed, the seemingly impossible became possible and God's glory was revealed. Provide some examples in the lives of James, his family, EZ 8 and the others where this was evident.

2. Identify two examples of a blessing or breakthroughs that you experienced when you believed and trusted God, put Him first and, allowed Him to lead with His perfect will?

> Identify 2 major decisions you face now or in the near future where you will need to rely on your faith and God's promises to deliver you into or out of a new season? Prepare a game plan to move forward with courage,





SCRIPTURES FOR REFLECTION: 12:2, Matthew 16:26-28, Romans 8:28, Mark 9 14-29, Proverbs 3:5-6

Life Principle to Ponder:

Trust God and His word with your life - turn it over to Him and witness the amazing blessings that flow through your life, even during the difficult and dark valleys.



