

SERMON BASED CURRICULUM

**Date & Sermon Series:**

November 12/13, 2016; Dream

Speaker:

Pastor Zeb (from Ethiopia)

Scripture Focus: Isaiah 32:14-18

Note To Leaders:

This weekend we discussed the importance of repentant hearts in order to be in line with the will of God. These questions provide a framework to prompt or foster discussion in your small group. Don't feel you have to use all or any of these questions and you don't have to make it to the end! Use the questions that best fit your group and let discussion flow.

Icebreaker Suggestions: If you have been to Africa, what country have you been to? If you could go to any country in Africa, where would it be?

Sermon Series Questions:

1. What thoughts are still resonating with you from the sermon?
2. What was most encouraging or challenging about this weekend's message?
3. In what ways did Isaiah 32:14-18 speak to you?

Specific Questions:

1. Pastor Zeb said that, "We all have turbulence in every nation- whether it is in politics or tribes. It is not about what side God is on but what side you are on." What did he mean by that? What does it mean to be on God's side?
2. Our first step should always be with a heart of repentance in order to be in line with God. Why is it important for us to still repent today? If you were to unpack the meaning of repentance, how would you describe it?
3. Pastor Zeb said that Adam in Genesis 3:17 went through a spiritual death during the fall. Jesus came and restored the work as a Second Adam. Jesus was on a mission for restoration. What are some ways you too can be on mission for restoration?
4. Pastor Zeb said, "If I am a saved Christian, my territory should be blessed. If we are the children of God, then when people walk into our territory or our city, they should be able to see the blessings and image of God everywhere." What footprint and legacy are you leaving in your city? Your work place? Your home?

5. When using the word “territory,” Pastor Zeb alluded to the fact that you know what a little girl’s bedroom looks like without the little girl present in her room. How can your “room” reflect more of the blessings of God?

6. Pastor Zeb shared the story of when he needed a car and so he believed in the car before he had it. He drove a plate around in the kitchen as if it was a car, only to find out that he received a car later that day as a gift. God moved. Pastor Zeb believed. What area do you need to believe in before it becomes reality?

7. Pastor Zeb spoke about being heavenly minded and pursuing the Kingdom of God. How are you pursuing the Kingdom of God to bring about God’s justice and righteousness as described in Isaiah 32:14-18?

Challenge:

Pastor Zeb said that the “Ekklesia” is the Church and the Church can affect everything else. If we get it right, the influence will trickle down:

- 1) Where do you need to “drive your plate” this week?
- 2) What conversations do you need to have to influence those around you?
- 3) What do you need to repent of today?

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- 1) Learn about strategic partners for 2017
 - DC Dream Center
 - International Partnerships
- 2) Pray
 - For projects, missionaries, teams
- 3) Invest
 - As God leads you. Any amount in God’s hands becomes a substantial investment in a dream. Go to <http://www.aoneeight.org/invest>.