

SERMON BASED CURRICULUM

**Date & Sermon Series:**

November 5/6, 2016; Dream

Speaker:

Pastor Joel Schmidgall

Scripture Focus: Acts 1:8; Acts 2:14-17

Note To Leaders:

This weekend we discussed how dreaming on earth is to be awakened to a heavenly reality. 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: What is the best dream you've ever had?

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 Acts 1:8 and 2:14-17 speak to you?

Specific Questions:

1. What does it mean to step out of our reality into God's reality?
2. What does Pastor Joel mean when he talks about "sleep walking through life"? What is the difference between sleep walking and dreaming?
3. Pastor Joel says, "God's presence always preceded His power." Instead of constantly praying for His power, how can you step out and get into God's presence?
4. God desires to fill you to the full measure that even your sons and daughters will prophesy. He desires to pour His Spirit on you. He wants to give you dreams. What does this look like in your life?
5. What areas do you need to "wake up" in your life?
6. Pastor Joel says, "Your brain will degenerate in an awake state had it not been for the cognitive activity that happens during a dream state" - so too will your spirit life degenerate if you don't make time to spend in the Upper Room. How can you intentionally plan to spend

more time in the Upper Room?

7. Pastor Joel said that there is a new saying in Chicago in honor of the Cubs win, “”Make someday today.” What are some “someday” things you say that you need to make happen today?

Challenge:

Spend time in the Upper Room this week:

- 1) Ask God, what is His reality?
- 2) Ask yourself, what are some convictions God has given you?
- 3) Ask God, what are some dreams you want to put in my heart?
- 3) Ask yourself- we know that dreams are active. How can I cross the boundaries to move into action?

Read, Pray, Act:

Read Proverbs 13:12 (NLT)- pray over the DC Dream Center. Pray about if God wants you to invest in helping further this dream to help the dreams of others. Check out more at <http://www.dcdreamcenter.com>.