

# SERMON BASED CURRICULUM

**Date & Sermon Series:**

September 10/11, 2016; Chase the Lion

**Speaker:**

Pastor Mark Batterson

**Scripture Focus:** II Samuel 23:20

**Note To Leaders:**

This weekend we discussed how we often run away from the lions in our life. 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 could do anything or go anywhere today, what or 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 2 Samuel 23:20 speak to you?

**Specific Questions:**

1. This week's message was about dreams and fears. At this point in your life, as you reflect on where you are, what is the craziest dream you could go after? What is the 500lb lion you need to chase? \* Note: Pastor Mark encouraged that if you are going to take that step of faith, be sure that you have received confirmation from God, sought wise counsel, reflected upon the dream, etc.
2. Pastor Mark said, "Faith allows us to look foolish. If you aren't willing to look foolish, you are foolish." God doesn't encourage us to be fools, but he does encourage us to live by faith, even if it looks foolish. What area in your life do you need to live by faith despite its foolishness?
3. Pastor Mark said, "If you are big enough for your dream, your dream isn't big enough for God." What are some of the dreams you have that are too big for you to accomplish on your own?
4. This week's sermon is titled, "Run To the Roar." Where are you running away from the

lion? What dreams are not coming to life because of fear? Where do you need to put a lion spike in the mouth of the lion?

5. Pastor Mark talked about there being two areas of regret in our lives. We all regret things we do (action) and things we don't do (inaction). The longer we live, the more we tend to regret our inactions. "When we lack the guts to go after our God-sized dreams, we rob God of the glory He deserves." What inactions do you need to repent of?

6. Pastor Mark talked about how psychologists say we are really only born with two fears in life: The fear of falling and the fear of loud noises. This means that every other fear is learned. What fears do you need to unlearn because they are not from God?

7. When you look down the road 10-15 years, what lions will you regret not chasing? If you knew you could fail, what dream would you still go after because you couldn't live with yourself without going after it?

**Challenge:**

Take the time this week to write down a list of your "destined to fail without God" dreams. Pastor Mark said that our destinies are often buried somewhere in our history. What are some of your dreams?

- 1) Take an inventory of your history.
- 2) Come alongside and serve someone else's dream.

**Read, Pray, Act:**

- 1) Follow the Chase the Lion reading plan on <http://www.youversion.com>.
- 2) Pray about the fears God has revealed to you. What are ways you can chase the lion? Pray through the dreams God has revealed to you. What are ways you can act on these dreams?
- 3) Pray through the Chase the Lion Manifesto (You can download it here: <http://chasethelion.com>). Focus on and memorize one or two lines from it.
- 4) Have conversations with a family member or close friend and share each other's dreams. Then, take the time to pray over one another.