

SERMON BASED CURRICULUM

**Date & Sermon Series:**

April 2/3, 2016; Script

Speaker:

Pastor Mark Batterson

Scripture Focus: Psalm 139:16b

Note To Leaders:

This weekend we discussed how “Scripture is the script cure” in our lives. 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: Has there ever been a time in your life where words were the most powerful thing to you? If so, what words in your life have been the most impactful? What words have scarred you?

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 Psalm 139:16 speak to you?

Specific Questions:

1. Have you ever thought of the Bible as a grand narrative? How does it make you feel when you hear that you are a part of God's big story, his ultimate plan?
2. Pastor Mark said that Scripture can be our “script cure.” He said that some of us are actually living the wrong story because we are reading with the wrong script. Do you ever feel like you are living or reading the wrong script? How so?
3. Words are powerful tools and can change the trajectory of our lives. The book of Ephesians reminds us that we are to use words that are only uplifting, encouraging, and for the well being of the Body of Christ. Read Ephesians 4:29. What script are you giving to other people? Are they words of hope and encouragement or anger and frustration?
4. What do you think the script for your life should look like? In what ways does your script match God's script for your life?

5. Hebrews 12:2 says, “Jesus is the author and perfecter of our faith.” Do you think God has the full editorial control over your script? If not, what can you do to provide a way for him to become the author and editor of your life?

6. Pastor Mark gave three r’s to help us know how to study Scripture and learn more about our own scripts. He said we are to read Scripture just like an actual script. 1) Read it. “Reading without meditating is like eating without digesting.” 2) Research it- test everything you hear against the Word of God in order to know the Truth. 3) Rehearse it. Put action behind the reading and research. Are you living out the truths in Scripture or only reading and researching? We all tend to stop after we read and research it. What are some changes you could make in your life to start rehearsing what you read? If you are not living out what you read, what are you living out?

7. Every script requires revisions. It takes time, retuning, refining, and rephrasing. Are there any revisions you need to make to your script? Talk about some examples and changes that you can make moving forward. Are you living your life in a way that is worth sharing your script?

Challenge:

Personal script- Spend some time this week reflecting on what the script of your life is.

Life Verse- Do you have a life verse? If not, pray this week that God would give you a verse to rely on. Memorize that verse. Claim it and own it and watch as the power of it unfolds in your life.

Read, Pray, Act:

Find a reading plan and begin reading it daily. Set a reminder at the same time each day to get into Scripture and read a little bit each day. You can find a reading plan at <http://www.youversion.com>.