



Sermon Discussion Guide – **NOVEMBER 1, 2020**

SERIES – DARING FAITH – *The Key To Miracles*

TITLE - ***“Daring To Commit”***

Galatians 2:20

SUMMARY – God has an eternal purpose that has been accomplished through Jesus Christ. Faith is the key to unlocking that eternal purpose in our lives, giving us access to God. This series will help us cultivate a daring faith. We all need more courage to take bold risks and this kind of faith goes hand in hand with trusting God’s will. Where God guides, God provides. Join us during these 40 days of Daring Faith to see the miracles taking place all around us.

DAILY STUDY & PRAYER

Read / Reflect / Respond

(*READ* the verse, take a moment to *REFLECT* on its meaning, *RESPOND* by writing down some thoughts and praying)

Monday - Galatians 2:20 *“And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.”*

Tuesday – Matthew 22:37–39 *“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind*

Wednesday – John 20:21 *Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.”*

Thursday – 1 Peter 2:25 *“For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.”*

Friday – 1 Corinthians 12:7 *“The Spirit’s presence is shown in some way in each person for the good of all.”*

Saturday – Matthew 28:19–20 *“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.”*

GROUP DISCUSSION

(*This is only a guide – select the points you want to discuss or supplement with your own materials*)

Open with Prayer

1. What is something from the Sermon this week that stood out to you or was an “Aha!” moment.
2. Read Romans 12:4-5, and think about how different organs of the body only fulfill their purpose as parts of the whole. What does the verse say about how we get our meaning both as members of the church and as individuals?
3. Read Ephesians 4:16, What does it say about growth through relationship in Christ’s Body? Discuss why relationship in community or discipleship is necessary to grow in character traits such as love, forgiveness, loyalty, and compassion.
4. What does living for yourself and living for others look like? How does commitment play a part in both those examples?

Close with prayer requests and prayer

NEXT STEPS (Optional for group discussion)

1. **TEMPERATURE GAUGE** – How would you rate your ability to fulfill your commitments? On a scale of 1 to 10.
2. **RESPOND** – How is the Lord calling me to respond? In confession and repentance? Prayer for help and guidance? Seeking out a confidant or listening ear? Take a moment to write down one action step.
3. **PRACTICE** – What is a Daring Faith commitment that the Holy Spirit has been nudging at your heart with? What will it take to step out in faith and commit? Pray for strength and courage this week to make that commitment.



Sermon Discussion Guide Leader Notes

Preparing to Lead Your Group

- ✓ **PRAY** for insight as you begin to prepare for leading your group. Ask for God's wisdom, that the Holy Spirit will be the teacher and that you will be God's instrument to lead the group to greater understanding and a willingness to commit to becoming more like God. ***Prayer should be your primary source of personal preparation for leading your group!***
- ✓ **PLAN** where you want to take your group during the next series. Is your group strong in some areas and weak in others? How can you challenge the members to live more balanced Christian lives?
- ✓ **EVALUATE** after each session and at the end of a series. Reflect on what went well and what didn't. Re-evaluation is key to your growth as a leader. How are you doing with leading the discussion: is it stimulating, challenging, and meaningful? Are you able to keep the group on track? Do you need to make some changes?

Using This Sermon Discussion Guide

- Review the discussion guide and sermon notes for this week. You can also view the sermon from our website, www.faithunitedepc.org. As the discussion leader, you should preview and evaluate the questions based on the needs of your group.
- Feel free to adapt the format as needed. If your group is mature and wants to dig deeper, consider using the Next Steps section or add additional Scripture and resources. Remember this is only a guide and you don't have to complete all of it. It is a tool to promote good discussion. The goal is good discussion not necessarily getting through every question.
- The questions with Bible verses associated with them are there to encourage Bible literacy. So encourage different people to open their Bibles and read selected verses if they are willing and able.
- Your goal as the leader is to bring the group into a stimulating discussion that helps the members recognize their needs for personal life change. Ultimately you want them to be willing to commit to change with accountability to the group. Accountability helps us to persevere in our commitments and achieve the blessings of success.