

SERMON GUIDES

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Go Beyond – Our Doors | WEEK #2

01.

INTRODUCTION

Read **John 17:6-21** and discuss the approach Jesus takes in addressing the Father and what He is asking us to receive?

02.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. How did Pastor Gordon contrast the Sea of Galilee with the Dead Sea?
 - a. Why is accepting love and giving love a blessing?
 - b. Why is being a receiver of love but restrictive in giving love in return not reflective of Jesus' teachings?
2. In our scripture reading today, verse 18 relates to current sermon series of "Go Beyond" in what way?
 - a. Read **John 20:21** and discuss why this verse relates and is so important to our faith?
3. What are the two voices that hinder us in generosity and ability to give?
 - a. In the sermon we learned of a wealthy man that made a donation to a school only to lose his wealth afterwards – what was his reaction?
 - b. Why was his reaction such an example of Christianity?
4. How does fear restrict us?
5. How does self-gratification create barriers to followers of Jesus?
6. What can we and others do to overcome the shackles of fear and self-gratification?
 - a. Can we practice certain actions to start experiencing Gods joys and blessings?
 - b. Where and/or who have you seen God's joy? What traits do they display?
7. How did Pastor Gordon describe how generosity changes us?
 - a. What was point of the analogy used in the sermon about constipation?
8. Read **John 17:20-21** and in the context of today's sermon answer the following:
 - a. How can we be one with Christ and the Father?
 - b. In what way(s) would the world know that God the Father sent Jesus?
9. Read and discuss Next Steps below.

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NEXT STEPS

1. Are you more like the Sea of Galilee or the Dead Sea?
2. Which voice keeps you from being generous?
 - a. Fear or
 - b. Self-gratification
3. Receive. Give. Repeat.