

January 29, 2016 Sermon Discussion Guide
Pastor Steve DeNeff
“Breaking: Growing and Developing Our Capital”

Gathering

“Lord, may this scripture guide our discussion as well as our lives. Give us the grace to find a holy ambition so that we can do Your work with Your energy.”

Romans 12:6-8

⁶We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; ⁷if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; ⁸if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.

Prayer

- For refugees looking for peace and a home, *Lord, hear our prayer.*
- For the division in our nations we pray for conversation, understanding, and unity in our diversity, *Lord, hear our prayer.*
- For those of us who are a part of College Wesleyan Church to discover the work you have for us and strive with Your strength and leading, *Lord, hear our prayer.*
- For the needs that we have shared together on a personal level,... *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Summary of the Sermon

- As a group, recall the key points of Pastor Steve’s sermon.
- How did God stir you during the service? How were you challenged or changed?

Scripture

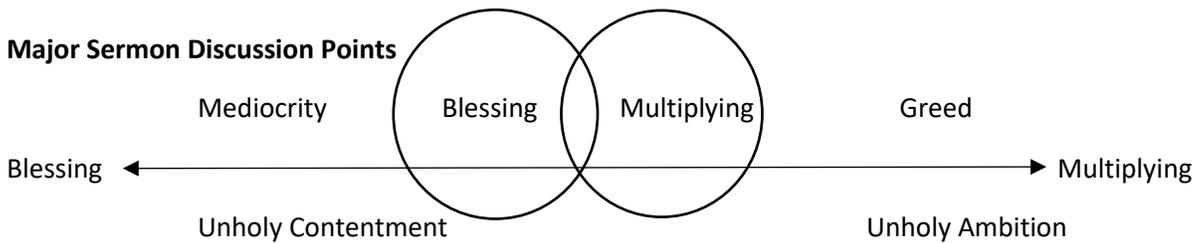
*Take the time to read aloud the scripture that was preached. **Luke 12:35-46***

³⁵“Be dressed for service and keep your lamps burning, ³⁶as though you were waiting for your master to return from the wedding feast. Then you will be ready to open the door and let him in the moment he arrives and knocks. ³⁷The servants who are ready and waiting for his return will be rewarded. I tell you the truth, he himself will seat them, put on an apron, and serve them as they sit and eat! ³⁸He may come in the middle of the night or just before dawn.^[a] But whenever he comes, he will reward the servants who are ready.

³⁹“Understand this: If a homeowner knew exactly when a burglar was coming, he would not permit his house to be broken into. ⁴⁰You also must be ready all the time, for the Son of Man will come when least expected.”

⁴¹Peter asked, “Lord, is that illustration just for us or for everyone?”

⁴²And the Lord replied, “A faithful, sensible servant is one to whom the master can give the responsibility of managing his other household servants and feeding them. ⁴³If the master returns and finds that the servant has done a good job, there will be a reward. ⁴⁴I tell you the truth, the master will put that servant in charge of all he owns. ⁴⁵But what if the servant thinks, ‘My master won’t be back for a while,’ and he begins beating the other servants, partying, and getting drunk? ⁴⁶The master will return unannounced and unexpected, and he will cut the servant in pieces and banish him with the unfaithful.



Holy Ambition

G – Genius (born that way)

R – Risk → must be willing to take risks and not afraid to fail

E – Efficiency → highly structured, regimented life

A – Attitude → humility is a requirement

T – Teacher → find a teach/mentor/coach

Next Steps/Moving Forward

- Do you tend to lean toward unholy ambition or unholy contentment?
- “Jesus was called, he wasn’t driven. He was motivated by obedience, not greatness.” Is there something you feel God has called you to do? What is it? How are you pursuing this calling? How will you seek His calling in your life?
- Which of the GREAT actions of Holy Ambition do you need to embrace and ask God for the grace to help you develop? Which ones have you been developing?

Closing Prayer

Pray as you feel led as a group following your discussion or confess the following prayer individually or together:

(Ephesians 2:4-10)

⁴But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, ⁵made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. ⁶And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, ⁷in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. ⁸For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— ⁹not by works, so that no one can boast. ¹⁰For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Amen.