

It's important that God's Word continues after the message. At Celebrate, we find that you will talk over this week's message long after our experience is over. That's because God has lasting impact. The Sermon Discussion Guide is designed to help you continue the conversation all week.

Interview with Glenn Loy

This week Pastor Keith interviewed his dad, Pastor Glenn Loy. As the conversation unfolded, the Holy Spirit began speaking about the wisdom of a Father. But the bigger message was about building the kingdom of God and being true to Him through our actions. Not our words, not our perceptions or reputations, but our ACTIONS. One decision, one action, can have a great impact on a multitude of people. One act of kindness, one step of faith, one commitment to be the hands and feet of Jesus can change more than one future.

Many new converts are deceived by sugar coated messages. Our church is built on the Rock of Truth, the Word of God. In the book *Driven by Eternity*, John Bevere writes, "The gospel that has been preached (in some churches) is lopsided with emphasis placed on accepting Jesus by praying a sinner's prayer. We confess that Jesus is Lord, and once done, we are saved eternally. Yet this is not what Jesus teaches. He says, 'not everyone who says to Me, "Lord, Lord" will enter the kingdom of Heaven.'" People say they are believers, but there is no heart change. Jesus is only a part of their lives. Do you see yourself in this? Do you just go to church because you think it's the right thing to do? Share how becoming a Christian has changed your heart.

Matthew 7:21; 2 Corinthians 5:17

Jesus calls His followers to action. The way to identify whether people are genuine Christians is not by what they say, how religious they seem or how often they attend Church; rather, it is by what they do. Are you walking the walk, or just talking the talk? Describe what you do, as a follower of Christ, to be Jesus to your circle of influence.

James 1:22-25; James 2:17

Have you ever heard someone say, "I'm not living as I should, but thank God for His grace"? Scripture doesn't teach grace as a get-out-of-jail-free card, but as God's presence within us to do what truth demands. It empowers us to obey. Do you think it's hard to be a Christian? In what way do you consider following God's commands hard? Share with the group the struggles you wrestle with when it comes to living the way Jesus wants you to live.

Revelation 3:15-16; Romans 7:15-19; 1 Corinthians 1:9

What's Next

- Continue to read the Bible. Increase your time with God. The more time you spend in the Word, the more you will know what God's will for your life is.
- Read or listen to a new Christian book.
- Learn something new this year that you have always wanted to but never took the time.
- Perform a random act of kindness. Be a blessing to those who don't expect it and give God the glory.