



## CHERISH THE COMMONPLACE

### Designing Your Life (Part 6)

***Exodus 16: 1-4, 11-17, 35; Numbers 11:31; John 6:26-35, 58***

#### OPEN

Did anything exciting happen this week in your life?

What comes to mind when you think about words (or life) such as: *ordinary* or *commonplace*?

#### DISCUSS

There were three Big Ideas from this week's sermon:

1. The commonplace is what we all value in the end
2. The commonplace is also where character is revealed and refined
3. The commonplace is often a pointer to the far-from-common kingdom of God

#### **The commonplace is what we all value in the end**

Read Exodus 16:1-4, 11-15.

- What has become the commonplace experience of the people in the desert (v. 1-3)?
- How does God meet their commonplace needs?
- How did the people miss God's grace?
- WHAT IS IT THAT YOU HAVE BEEN GIVEN IN THE WAY OF COMMONPLACE OF GOD'S GRACE...AND PERHAPS HAVE BEEN MISSING?

## **The commonplace is also where character is revealed and refined**

- What do you think: Do people today care enough or think about character as much as they should? Explain.
- Where or how do you think character is shaped in a person's life?
- Moses was a prince in Egypt that spent 40 years as a shepherd in Midian before he became the leader of Israel and used to lead the people out of Egypt to the Promised Land. What do you think happened to Moses during those years? From what you know of Moses now, what do you think was formed in him during those shepherd years?
- Read Exodus 16:15-20. How is character revealed in these verses? Where does a person learn obedience and discipline in life?
- WHAT IS IT YOU FACE THIS WEEK THAT WILL EXPRESS OR EXPAND YOUR CHARACTER?

## **The commonplace is often a pointer to the far-from-common kingdom of God**

Read John 6:32-36.

- What transforms the commonplace to holy ground in life? Is there really anything ordinary?
- What must you do to have life to the full and realize your design and purpose?
- How does letting Christ live in your (being shaped into his character) change how life is purposed and lived?

***What are you taking away from this study or Designing Your Life series?***

## **NEXT STEPS**

- Reflect on this study and the sermon series. What have you learned? How have you been challenged? What questions do you still have about your design, purpose or call?
- Plan to attend the ***Designing Your Life Workshop Nov. 6-7<sup>th</sup>***. Details below.

### **DESIGNING YOUR LIFE WORKSHOP: NOV 6-7<sup>th</sup>**

We will host a workshop (November 6-7) to give time and attention to *Pursuing Purpose Together*. From hearing real-life testimonies of call and purpose to beginning to write YOUR story of purpose, this experience will give you time and space to answer some of life's important questions connected to *design and purpose*. Bring your whole group.

More info and registration can be found at: <http://www.cc-ob.org/groupevents>