



TITLE: "I Want What They Have"

OPENING QUESTION: What's something small you've started doing that ended up making a bigger difference than you expected?

Matthew 9:9– "As Jesus was going down the road, he saw Matthew sitting at his taxcollection booth. 'Come, be my disciple,' Jesus said. So Matthew got up and followed him."

It is often the SMALL HABITS & CHANGES that go **unnoticed, which result in the BIG CHANGES EVERYONE ELSE WANTS.**

Zechariah 4:6-10–... "This is what the Lord says to Zerubbabel: It is not by force nor by strength, but by my Spirit, says the Lord of Heaven's Armies. Nothing, not even a mighty mountain, will stand in Zerubbabel's way; it will become a level plain before him! And when Zerubbabel sets the final stone of the Temple in place, the people will shout: 'May God bless it! May God bless it!'"

Then another message came to me from the Lord: "Zerubbabel is the one who laid the foundation of this Temple, and he will complete it... Do not despise these small beginnings, for the Lord rejoices to see the work begin..."

"It's the little things that are vital. Little things make big things happen." – John Wooden

Isaiah 54:2– Enlarge the place of your tent, stretch your tent curtains wide, do not hold back; lengthen your cords, strengthen your stakes.

WHAT THEY DO TO STAY LOCKED IN:

"They" Seek God with the FIRST OF THEIR DAY.

Psalms 63:1– ...O God, You are my God; early will I seek You; my soul thirsts for You; my flesh longs for You in a dry and thirsty land where there is no water.

QUESTION: Culture wants to have big results without doing the "small things". Can you share a time in any area of your life when you focused on the small things and it led to big results?

QUESTION: How does starting your day with God shape your decisions, words, relationships, or stress levels? What currently competes most for the "first moments" of your day?

DECISIONS (FASTING)

FAMILY

MARRIAGE OR DATING

WORK

WORDS

It's all set in motion with prayer & Bible reading!

Mark 1:35– Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed.



QUESTION: How have you seen prayer and Scripture influence one major decision in your life? Which of these areas—relationships, family, work, or words—do you most need God’s guidance in right now? Why is it dangerous to treat spiritual disciplines as optional when making life-shaping decisions?

“They” Continually Give The First Of Their Worship CORPORATELY, WEEKLY.

Acts 20:7– On the first day of the week we came together to break bread...

Hebrews 10:25– Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another...

QUESTION: How does regular gathering with other believers help set the stage for your personal worship the rest of the week?

“They” Give THE FIRSTFRUIT TITHE ACCORDINGLY.

Leviticus 27:30– A tithe of everything from the land, whether grain from the soil or fruit from the trees, belongs to the Lord; it is holy to the Lord.

Matthew 23:23– ...Hypocrites! For you are careful to tithe even the tiniest income from your herb gardens, but you ignore the more important aspects of the law—justice, mercy, and faith. You should tithe, yes, but do not neglect the more important things.

QUESTION: What has giving God the first meant for the whole of your life?

“They” Weed Out UNHEALTHY INFLUENCES.

Proverbs 13:20– “Whoever walks with the wise becomes wise, but the companion of fools will suffer harm.”

QUESTION: What’s the difference between loving people and allowing them to influence your direction? What does it look like to intentionally walk with the wise without becoming isolated?

“They” Don’t Want to Be A FAT ALBERT CHRISTIAN, EVER!

-SHARE IT -SERVE IT

QUESTION: No “Fat Albert Christians” Why is spiritual growth incomplete if it’s never shared or lived out? How have you personally grown more when you served or shared your faith with someone else?

CLOSING QUESTIONS:

QUESTION: How can this group help each other stay committed to gathering and encouraging one another?

QUESTION: Are there any influences—media, relationships, routines—that may need some “weeding” in your life?

