



TITLE: *"Imagine: The Dreamers"*

OPENING QUESTION: *What is one of your most memorable dreams? Or, in the alternative, what did you dream last night?*

Proverbs 29:18 - Read each of these different translations of this verse:

KJV - Where there is no vision, the people perish . . .

NIV - Where there is no revelation, people cast off restraint . . .

MSG - If people can't see what God is doing, they stumble all over themselves; but when they attend to what he reveals, they are most blessed.

GROUP QUESTION: *When God's word isn't shaping your thinking, how does that affect your own spiritual walk and moral choices? Do you see this playing out in our society today? If so, how?*

"You were designed for significance, not just for survival"

Psalms 126:1-2 - When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dreamed. Our mouths were filled with laughter, our tongues with songs of joy . . .

GROUP QUESTION: *Would you say that your life looks more like pursuing survival or significance right now (in your relationships, marriage, parenting, life future)? What makes you say that?*

5 Categories of Dreamers:

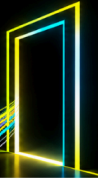
No DREAM

Jeremiah 33:3 - *"Call to Me, and I will answer you, and show you great and mighty things, which you do not know."*

GROUP QUESTION: *What "great and mighty things" might God reveal to us in our personal or spiritual journey? How does this verse encourage us to deepen our relationship with God during times of uncertainty?*

A WRONG DREAM

Acts 20:24 - However, I consider my life worth nothing to me; if only I may finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me . . .



GROUP QUESTION: *What does Paul's commitment teach you about living with eternal purpose today? How can the metaphor of "finishing the race and completing the task" be applied to your current season of life?*

A STALE DREAM

2 Timothy 1:6 - . . . I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God . . .

GROUP QUESTION: *What does it mean to "fan into flame the gift of God"? How does remembering past spiritual experiences help you to face current challenges in your faith journey?*

A VAGUE DREAM

Habakkuk 2:2 - . . . Write the vision and make it plain on tablets, that he may run who reads it.

GROUP QUESTION: *In what ways can you make your personal testimony, or your teaching of Scripture, understandable to others? How can you "write down" God's vision for your life in a practical, daily spiritual discipline? Where can you put it (in your house or your car) to remind yourself of it daily?*

A GOD DREAM

Mark 8:22-25 - They came to Bethsaida, and some people brought a blind man and begged Jesus to touch him. He took the blind man by the hand and led him outside the village. When he had spit on the man's eyes and put his hands on him, Jesus asked, "Do you see anything?" He looked up and said, "I see people, they look like trees walking around." Once more Jesus put his hands on the man's eyes. . . . and he saw everything clearly.

GROUP QUESTION: *How does the gradual healing remind us that spiritual transformation often happens step-by-step? What has Jesus already opened your eyes to, and where are you still seeing "men like trees" and needing His second touch? Are you clearly seeing Pastor Gary's vision for our community or is it still "men like trees" for you? How can the group help you?*

GROUP QUESTION: *Pastor Gary talked about five types of people: those with no dream, the wrong dream, a stale dream, a vague dream, and a God dream. What type of person do you think you are? What steps can you take to move from "No Dream" to having a "God Dream"?*

CLOSING QUESTION:

GROUP CHALLENGE: *Do you know what your God dream is? How can you go about finding out what dream God has in store for you? Has God's word ever revealed a dream to you? If so, take a step toward accomplishing that dream this week. How can your group pray for you to see it become a reality?*