GROUPS
Weekly Message Study Guide



TITLE: ***"Imagine: The Dreamers"***

OPENING QUESTION: If you could instantly become an expert at any skill or hobby without any effort, what would you choose and why?

GREAT CHURCHES VALUE THE EXPANSION OF GOD'S KINGDOM.

Matthew 6:33– *Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and He will give you everything you need.*

4 Features of the kingdom of God:
• multinational • powerful • eternal • inevitable

Matthew 24:14– *"The good news about God's Kingdom will be preached unto all the world, to every nation and then the end is going to come."*

TO KEEP IMAGINING FOR THE KINGDOM:

Titus 2:14– *Jesus gave His life to free us from every kind of sin, to cleanse us and to make us His very own people who are totally submitted totally submitted to doing what is right.*

WE HAVE TO ADOPT GOD'S AGENDA.

Ephesians 1:9-10– *God has made known to us the plans that He decided to complete by means of Jesus Christ. This plan is that God will complete when the time is right, is to bring all creation together – everything in heaven and on earth with Christ as its head.*

GROUP QUESTION: Pastor Gary was sharing how great churches understand that their highest priority is to grow the Kingdom. That means, everyone being on the same page and adopting God's agenda. As imperfect people, sometimes we prefer our own agenda in the church realm. How have you seen everyone else pushing their own agenda, derailing a church? What are some of the benefits when a church unites under God's agenda for his kingdom to grow?

• He shared the good news with other people. • He trained leaders.
• He helped & healed the broken. •He taught the children.

GROUP QUESTION: Pastor Gary shared about four key areas that Jesus focused on. He was sharing how New Walk Church focuses on these very similar things. What has been your favorite part about the focus of New Walk Church in these four areas?

Great churches don't need your attendance; they need your involvement.

GROUP QUESTION: Pastor Gary said the "great churches don't need your attendance, they need your involvement", what did you think of that? We all understand that being at church is important, but how have you learned that just showing up and leaving is really ineffective when it comes to advancing the Kingdom? Was there a time in your life where you realized that you needed to cross that line, and start getting involved?

WE ABANDON ALL DISTRACTIONS.

Luke 9:62– *But Jesus told him, "Anyone who lets himself be distracted from the work I plan for him is not fit for the Kingdom of God."*

WE ASK IN FAITH.

Matthew 19:26– *"Humanly speaking it is impossible but with God everything is possible."*

GROUP QUESTION: When it comes to your part of investing and growing the Kingdom with your time, talent, and treasure, how/ what are you "asking in Faith"?

WE HAVE TO ANSWER GOD'S CALL.

Isaiah 49:6– *It is too small a thing for you to be my servant to only restore the tribes of Jacob [that's Israel] and bring them back. I will also make you a light for the Gentiles that you may bring My salvation to the ends of the earth."*
2 Chronicles 16:9– *"The eyes of the Lord search the whole earth in order to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to Him."*
Matthew 16:24-27– *Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life[f] will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it. What good will it be for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul? For the Son of Man is going to come in his Father's glory with his angels, and then he will reward each person according to what they have done.*
Luke 12:8-9– *"I tell you, whoever publicly acknowledges me before others, the Son of Man will also acknowledge before the angels of God. But whoever disowns me before others will be disowned before the angels of God.*

GROUP QUESTION: How are you hoping to personally "answer the call" even further over the coming years, as New Walk Church is answering the call as a church in our community?

> "The world has yet to see what God can do through one person who is totally committed to Him."
> *– D.L. Moody*

CLOSING GROUP QUESTIONS:

GROUP QUESTION: Reflecting on this week's message, what is one practical step or change in your daily routine you can make this week to more intentionally align your personal goals with God's agenda?

GROUP QUESTION: Where in your life or ministry do you feel God calling you to step out in faith, and how can this group support and hold you accountable in taking that next step?