



GOD'S DREAM FOR YOUR LIFE

WEEKLY ACTION STEP

Pray for discernment about God's dream for your life. Write down what you learned from that prayer.

BIG IDEA

Above all love each other deeply...1 Peter 4:8a

SCRIPTURE

Genesis 37:2-9; Jeremiah 1:5; Philippians 1:6; Philippians 2:13

OPENER

Where did you see God work in our world during this Christmas Season?

QUESTIONS

1. In light of so many difficult and divisive moments over the past year, where have you seen God's dream for you come alive?
2. How do God's dreams for you and your dreams align? How do they differ?
3. Sometimes God's dreams for us don't occur in the timetable we expect. When you feel discouraged or disappointed, what helps you remember that God's dreams can still come true despite obstacles you face?
4. Read Philippians 1:6 and write down what is most encouraging to you? Are there or have there been events in your life that you believe negatively affected your ability to live/realize your dream? Share. Re-read Philippians 1:6 and apply what the scripture says to your personal dream. How does the application of this verse regarding God's dream for your life change your outlook?
5. Jeremiah 1:5 says God knew us before he formed us in the womb. Does that bring you comfort? Why or why not?
6. Read 1 Timothy 2:1-2, 1 Peter 2:17 and Romans 13:1. Do you struggle to regularly pray for all our nation's leaders, independent of how you view them personally or view their political stance? Write out a prayer for the leaders of our nation that you will pray each day this week.



TAKEAWAY

1. God has a dream for your life.
2. You don't have to make God's dream happen. He will make it happen as you obey Him.
3. Every obstacle is an opportunity when God is involved.
4. If you stay surrendered to God, He will use you to rescue others and will lead you to a fulfilling life of purpose.

REFERENCES

Romans 12:1; 1 Peter 4:8; Hebrews 12:28; Genesis 37:2-9; Jeremiah 1:5; Philippians 1:6; Philippians 2:13

DIGGING DEEPER

- Read Romans 12:17-21. During these difficult times, what ways can the church live this passage out? How can you personally live peaceably with all, love your enemy, and overcome evil with good?
- We can't fully see God's dream for our life until it unfolds around us. In Genesis we see that God's dream for Joseph took a long time to reveal itself, and Joseph had to suffer much as he steadfastly followed God and trusted in His providence. How do we develop the same steadfast faith as Joseph, remaining in obedience to God while His dream for us unfolds?
- How should we view the obstacles in our lives when we realize that God may use those situations to deliver His dream for us if we just stay in faithful obedience?