



sermon follow-up guide
Week 5: Feelings of Insignificance



GET GOING-

As we get started tonight, let's talk about extremes! Answer questions below.

• Would You Rather

Would you rather be really hairy or completely bald?

Would you rather be poor and work at a job you love or be rich and work at a job you hate?

Would you rather have to sit all day or stand all day?

Would you rather be a chronic farter or a chronic burper?

Would you rather have your flight delayed by 8 hours or lose your luggage?

Would you rather live a life of significance or insignificance?

GET PERSONAL

1. What did you dream of becoming when you were a child? As you look at your life now, how does it compare?

Read Acts 7:20-29

2. Mark mentioned a time in Moses' life when he didn't fit in and belong. What did Moses do to try and make a connection with his people? How did that work out for him?

3. From the early years of childhood to the later years of adulthood, we all look for acceptance and belonging. What's something you've tried in order to belong when you felt out of the loop? Did you find yourself feeling more significant or insignificant?

Read Exodus 2:11-15

4. Moses had a vision for doing something great by helping his people, but he settled for a life that had no significant purpose for over forty years! What are some ways you've compromised your vision of living a life of significance?

Never mistake a detour for a dead end.

5. Mark shared that the rings of a tree tell the story of its life. How are the detours in our lives similar to the rings on the inside of a tree?
6. What detours have you taken that you thought were dead ends? How have you seen God use those detours for good?

WHAT'S NEXT?

Read 2 Corinthians 12:9 & John 15:5-6

7. What do these passages tell us about how God uses our shortcomings and mistakes? Why do you think we're more useable after we fail?
8. According to John 15:5-6 what's the secret to living a life of meaning and significance? How is this different from the way we typically define significance?

PRAY

Today in your group, spend some time thanking God for the ways He works through the detours of life. Pray that we would find our significance and self worth in our relationship with Christ. Thank God for the cross, which serves as all the evidence we will ever need to prove we are significant in God's sight.

DON'T FORGET

Encourage your group members to check out these passages during the week to keep the learning going and relationship with God growing.

Judges 6:1-16, Judges 7:1-7, 1 Samuel 16:1-13, 1 Samuel 17:32-58, Psalm 139

For further application, use the App Notes which are posted each day on our Facebook Page. If you've missed this week's message, you can watch online at parkerhill.org