

A City on a Hill

Week 5 Study Guide

INTRODUCTION

When we were younger, we all aspired to live extraordinary lives. But somewhere along the way, we settle into an average job, average debt, average marriage, average family, and average dreams. If we were to really follow Jesus, we would not be average. Jesus calls us to give more than expected. He calls us to live for tomorrow. Jesus calls us to action because only by acting can we become anything but average.



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. When you come to the end of your life, what are some things you want to be true about you? Are you on the path to those things being true? Why or why not?
2. Who do you know that is anything but average? What about that person makes him or her extraordinary?
3. Why is it often so difficult for us to see how our choices now will affect our lives in the future? What are some things you can do to remind yourself that even your small actions matter?
4. Talk about a time when you knew what you were supposed to do but couldn't bring yourself to do it. What was the cost of your inaction?
5. Read Matthew 7:24–27. What obstacles do you face in putting Jesus' words into practice? What would you risk by reaching for a life that is anything but average?
6. What do you know to do that you aren't doing? What can you do this week to begin to do it? How can this group help you?

MOVING FORWARD

Average people know what to do. Anything but average people do what they know. Average people end up wishing they had. Anything but average people end up glad they did. Don't be average. Be anything but average. Give more than expected. Live for later. Do what you know.

CHANGING YOUR MIND

*"Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock." **Matthew 7:24***