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BACK *TO THE* FUTURE

WORSHIP FOLDER & MESSAGE NOTES
SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION/PERSONAL GUIDES

"THE BIG 3 HAS NEVER BEEN BIGGER" PART 2
PASTOR NATE SICKLER, SUNDAY, JULY 26, 2020





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[Nate Sickler, Sauk Rapids Campus
& Small Groups Pastor]

MESSAGE NOTES

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God wants to lead us to an extraordinary life that we could only begin to experience by having walked through these painful circumstances and hard times.

...what we need to realize is that COVID-19 hasn't cancelled the BIG 3!



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- 2 Be part of a group
- 3 Serve others

With the world's information at our fingertips we can easily buy into the lie that with our _____ and our own _____ we can find consistent success on our own.

The Way of Jesus is a way _____ others! (John 13:34; Hebrews 10:24-25a)

_____ are about growing through...

Celebration (Ecclesiastes 3:4, 13; John 15:11)

Crisis (John 6:67; Matthew 26:38)

..._____ and external

_____ (Hebrews 10:24-25a)

Accountability \neq _____

Accountability = _____ (Hebrews 12:11)

Our best proactive accountability tool is _____.

When we encourage others we give the gift of _____.

There are no “double _____ points” for doing life by yourself. (John 14:23)

What do you want to be _____ for? (John 13:35)

Instead of back to the future:

- 1) Begin a _____
- 2) _____ a conversation
- 3) _____ for help
- 4) Commit to _____ the top priorities

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DISCUSSION GUIDE

Icebreaker: What is your most used emoji? If you can't readily identify it, check your texts; what was the last one you used and why?

1. Pastor Nate reminded us that it's easy to "buy into the lie that our phones and our own grit allow us to find consistent success on our own." When has technology and the "world's information at our fingertips" isolated or disconnected you from others?
2. Read [John 13:34](#) and [Hebrews 10:24-25a](#). How do these verses speak to or support our need for each other?
3. Read [Ecclesiastes 3:4, 13](#) and [John 15:11](#). How and what has your group been able to celebrate together?
4. Pastor Nate reminded us how important it is to be in a small group as you go through crises. Read [John 6:66-67](#) and [Matthew 26:38](#). Just as Jesus needed a small group of trusted friends during his most difficult days, we need each other during a crisis. Recall a time when your group has been able to support you through a difficult time. How did their "gift of courage" impact you?
5. How has your group helped you to be accountable in your life?
6. Pastor Nate showed us that there are "no 'double bonus points' for doing life by yourself". Why and in what ways have you been tempted to try and live life on your own?
7. Read [John 13:34-35](#). What is our group commanded to be known by? As we lean into this, how can we influence others as we grow through celebration, crises and accountability?

DAY 1: [Jude](#)

DAY 2: [Revelation 1](#)

DAY 3: [Revelation 2](#)

DAY 4: [Revelation 3](#)

DAY 5: [Revelation 4](#)

PERSONAL GUIDE





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