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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 3
PASTOR TOM LUNDEEN, SUNDAY, AUGUST 2, 2020





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[Tom Lundeen, Senior Pastor]

MESSAGE NOTES

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



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Note Ephesians 2:10; Titus 2:14; 3:8, 14; Galatians 5:13; Romans 7:6b; 12:11

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DISCUSSION GUIDE

Icebreaker: Summer sun or summer storms...if you had to pick one, which would it be and why?

1. Pastor Tom explained that serving Jesus and His Church is a major pathway to spiritual growth. Have you experienced this? If so what has grown in you?
2. Read [Ephesians 2:8-10](#) and [Titus 2:14](#); [3:8](#). What do good works/serving have to do with following Jesus?
3. Pastor Tom pointed us to four parables (see notes). These parables demonstrate the importance of engaging as a Jesus follower. What's something that stood out to you from these parables about how to serve?
4. Read [Philippians 2:5-7](#) and [John 13:1-5](#), [12-17](#). How does Jesus model servanthood for us?
5. Read [Ephesians 4:11-16](#). Pastor Tom explained that genuine spiritual growth and maturity takes place when we are using our spiritual gifts and serving Jesus, His Church, His people and His world. How do you want to grow and how do you see serving being part of that growth process for you?

PERSONAL GUIDE

DAY 1: [Revelation 5](#)

DAY 2: [Revelation 6](#)

DAY 3: [Revelation 7](#)

DAY 4: [Revelation 8](#)

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