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# BACK *TO THE* FUTURE

**WORSHIP FOLDER & MESSAGE NOTES**  
SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION/PERSONAL GUIDES

**"CONNECTING WITH GOD (THE WORD)"**  
*PASTOR TONY MYLES, SUNDAY, AUGUST 16, 2020*





## “Connecting With God (The Word)”

[Tony Myles, Student Ministries Pastor]

### MESSAGE NOTES

The Big Idea: What do you think you're going to \_\_\_\_\_?

“No Limits” is a \_\_\_\_\_

- Huge life goals without small daily investments create a \_\_\_\_\_ life lived our weekly/weakly.

Since God never wastes anything, He hasn't intended for us to go on this difficult and challenging journey so that the end result will be that we just go back to what we were, or just develop a new normal.

- 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.

Four reasons why we act and believe as we do:

- \_\_\_\_\_: Breakthroughs and Breakdowns
- \_\_\_\_\_: Questions and Conclusions
- \_\_\_\_\_: Routine and Ritual
- \_\_\_\_\_: Revelation and Reality

The question is, which one gets to speak \_\_\_\_\_?

*“There is a way that seems right to a man, but in the end it leads to death.” (Proverbs 14:12)*

**Key passage: John 17:11-21**

- Our \_\_\_\_\_ is a starting point.  
*“In the beginning the Word already existed. The Word was with God, and the Word was God.” (John 1:1)*
- Any other “word” needs \_\_\_\_\_
  - Culture demands narration
  - Sin demands domination
  - We demand \_\_\_\_\_
- The \_\_\_\_\_ is our launching point.
  - The Bible isn’t a book of ideas of how to live a moral life—it is \_\_\_\_\_ and reveals Life.  
*“Continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling,” (Philippians 2:12)*

*Instead of back to the future...*

- If you’re suffocating, receive some \_\_\_\_\_.
- If you’re navigating, let God check your \_\_\_\_\_.
- If you’re winning, check the \_\_\_\_\_ you’re in.
- SOAP: Scripture, Observe, Apply, Pray
- T.H.E.R.E. I.S. H.O.P.E.

Don’t miss this... Today is a _____ !
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# DISCUSSION GUIDE

**Icebreaker:** What is the most embarrassing fashion trend you used to rock?

1. Pastor Tony indicated that, "Huge life goals without small daily investments create a medium life lived out weekly/weakly." How have you seen this lived out?
2. What is one small daily investment that you've made that has paid out big dividends?
3. Pastor Tony listed 4 reasons we act and believe as we do: experience, reason, tradition and truth. How have these have sidetracked or motivated your faith journey?
4. Read Jesus' prayer for his followers in [John 17:11-21](#). How does God's Word make us holy?
5. How does Jesus' prayer for us challenge you?
6. Have you used a Bible-study method such as the S.O.A.P. method Pastor Tony mentioned? What was the result?
7. How does our understanding of God's Word allow for life transformation?
8. What role does the application of God's truth play in your life?

## PERSONAL GUIDE

DAY 1: [Revelation 15](#)

DAY 2: [Revelation 16](#)

DAY 3: [Revelation 17](#)

DAY 4: [Revelation 18](#)

DAY 5: [Revelation 19](#)





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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.

Four reasons why we act and believe as we do:

- Experience: Breakthroughs and Breakdowns
- Reason: Questions and Conclusions
- Tradition: Routine and Ritual
- Truth: Revelation and Reality

The question is, which one gets to speak first?

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**Key passage: John 17:11-21**

- Our Savior is a starting point.  
*"In the beginning the Word already existed. The Word was with God, and the Word was God." (John 1:1)*
- Any other "word" needs ending points.
  - Culture demands narration
  - Sin demands domination
  - We demand validation
- The Truth is our launching point.
  - The Bible isn't a book of ideas of how to live a moral life—it is ALIVE and reveals Life.  
*"Continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling," (Philippians 2:12. NIV)*

*Instead of back to the future...*

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- If you're navigating, let God check your compass.
- If you're winning, check the lane you're in.
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