

Big Idea: From a biblical perspective, a dream is a God-given picture, desire or sense of calling that points to a future reality He intends to form in and through your life. Not every “dream” is from the Lord, but God designed you to carry well and develop His dream for you.

Ephesians 2:10 (ERV) *God has made us what we are. In Christ Jesus, God made us new people so that we would spend our lives doing the good things he had already planned for us to do.*

Philippians 3:12, 14 (NIV) *Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. ... ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.*

James 1:4 (ERV) *If you let that patience work in you, the end result will be good. You will be mature and complete. You will be all that God wants you to be.*

Luke 16:10 (ERV) *Whoever can be trusted with small things can also be trusted with big things. Whoever is dishonest in little things will be dishonest in big things too.*

Isaiah 55:8-9 (NLT) *“My thoughts are nothing like your thoughts,” says the Lord. “And my ways are far beyond anything you could imagine. For just as the heavens are higher than the earth, so my ways are higher than your ways and my thoughts higher than your thoughts.”*

Start Talking:

How can patience pay off in terms of growth and new opportunities in your life? Share any examples you might have from your own experience of this.

Start Thinking:

Read Ephesians 2:10 and Philippians 3:12-14. What do you learn from these verses about God’s purpose for you as a follower of Jesus?

Read James 1:4. Why is it important to understand that God’s dream for your life must be developed over time?

Read Luke 16:10. How does faithfulness in “small things” prepare you for bigger opportunities? What happens if you fail to pay attention to your responsibilities in these smaller things?

Read Isaiah 55:8-9. Why is it so valuable to trust in God’s sovereignty as you pursue His dream for your life?

Start Praying and Doing:

Pray for the Lord to grant you diligence and perseverance to do the “small things” well right now as He prepares you for what He has in store down the road. Believe that God will help you grow in faithfulness through these opportunities—and be thankful for the successful small steps!

Zechariah 4:10a (EEB) *Everyone should know that the day of small things is important.*