

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Ps. Waweru Njenga – Week of 27th March 2017

“This House” Series

LG Discussion Guide

Read Mark 1:14-20

We’ve been talking this month about how as a community of faith in Mavuno, we move from ordinary people into fearless influencers of society. That is, Christ followers that help change other people’s lives.

When you see an unfinished house, what is the one thought that comes into your mind? For many of us, it’s usually a negative thought. Maybe a lack of money, poor planning etc. Yet for some of us, we see potential, limitless options and a chance to determine the final look of the building.

Did you know that’s the way it is with Church? It was never meant to look or be perfect to us. It was meant to always look unfinished, unrefined and a work in progress. Think of the disciples that Jesus called. They were fishermen (unrefined), tax collectors (crooks), zealots (political trouble makers). Clearly Jesus wasn’t looking for qualified people, but rather people he could qualify because they followed him (like many of us today!). And many people must have been surprised when they met Jesus and the type of people He chose. But it’s the same way with us, God calls us as we are, then qualifies us in spite of our past, our failures, our history, and all that. He qualifies us as we choose to walk in relationship with him as Christ followers.

And as we do, He then begins to work on us day by day as we follow him, speaking to us about areas of our life that need change and calling us to conform to Him. Although it’s not always comfortable when God is teaching us to walk with him, it’s *very important that we pay attention and obey him*. A few take outs from the teaching this weekend.

- a. **God is interested in what’s going on in our hearts** and not just our outward appearance-That’s why we should pay attention to the inner condition of our hearts. We allow God to deal with our heart issues.
- b. **We are called to be involved, not to be perfect-** God has always invited us to be involved in his unfinished work, as unfinished people. In the process of being involved, we get transformed, just like the disciples did, to be fearless influencers in our world.
- c. The church is the true picture of **a Perfect God, using imperfect people to do a perfect work**. Therefore, rather than seek for a perfect church with perfect people, we choose to engage in our church family because that’s where God is doing his perfect work.

The journey to becoming Christ like and fearless is **enhanced as we are engaged**. God is not calling us to be perfect people, he is calling us to be engaged in this House. In what He is doing. How do we engage in Mavuno? By connecting to a small group called LG. By engaging with experiences like Mizizi, and by serving in any of our ministries. There are many other opportunities to engage, and as we do, He changes us and makes his followers and fishers of other men.

Committing to being part of a church community no matter how unfinished it looks means we understand and appreciate that we are also a work in progress, and that our engagement, not perfection, is what allows God to transform us and others.

Reflect: *Discussion Questions*

-What did God say to you through this sermon?

- We are called to be **engaged**. How are you engaged in Mavuno currently? What's your next step in engaging? Serving, Mizizi, LG, hosting a LG, (what other ways do we engage?)

-How can we pray and hold you accountable to what God is specifically asking you to do?

Prayer: *Spend time praying for each other*

Finally...

- Remind everyone of next week's meeting time and venue.
- Mizizi signups are ongoing. All classes are on Sunday at 8am at KPS. Cost is 140,000/- (includes retreat out of town).
- Mention the Easter productions and guys to invite family and friends.
- Decide on a ministry/ministries to serve in as a Life group this year.