



Deeper Application Message Guide

Sermon: "Don't be afraid to wear a wetsuit"
Week of March 14, 2010
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Getting Started

- 1) What is a vision you have about your life? It can be anything, even if it doesn't seem practical or possible right now.
 - a) As a kid, what did you want to be when you grew up?
- 2) When others don't believe in your dream or vision, what is your natural response?
- 3) Think of a time when the discouragement of others stopped you from doing what you had planned. Explain.
- 4) No one understood what Noah was doing when he was building the ark, but he followed God's instruction and his actions ultimately saved the world. Do you ever feel like you have to justify following God's instruction to others? Explain.

Into the Bible

Read **1 Samuel 17:32-40**.

- 5) King Saul initially tells David he can't fight Goliath. Although Saul's intentions were good, Saul saw the obstacles and David saw the opportunity.
 - a) What happens when we focus only on the obstacles in life?
 - b) What might have happened if David had listened to Saul rather than trusting God?

- 6) Doug gave the example of not being afraid to wear your wet suit and encouraged us to "stay dressed" for where we are going.
Read **Jeremiah 29:11**

- a) If God has a plan for each of our lives, what are we saying to God when we choose not to follow Him?
- b) How does the fear of being different affect our ability to and lead others and fulfill the plan God intends for us?

- 7) Read **John 15:5**

- a) If you examine your life in light of John 15:5 & Jeremiah 29:11, how are you "dressed"? For God's purpose or are you influenced by the crowd?
- b) In what practical ways can you begin to "stay dressed" for God's plan for your life?

Digging Deeper

- 8) Doug spoke about how there are really three types of people.
 - a) Those who have not yet come to a saving knowledge of Christ.
 - b) Those committed to Christ, but who need a second chance to listen and follow.
 - c) Those who need to continue to stay faithful and remain dressed for the where Christ is taking them.
- 8b) Honestly which person are you and what steps do you need to take to dress for the future?