



Men's Golf Fellowship

Speaker Discussion Questions

David Nixon

Spiritual Topics: Dreams & Ambitions, Prayer, Plan of God

About the Talk

David Nixon moved from Australia to fulfill a dream to make family-friendly films. God took David on a journey to replace David's dream with His plan and teach him the invaluable lessons of the power of prayer, God's providence and humility toward the plan of God for your life. Let's use our time together to reflect on those themes in our own lives.

Discussion Questions

- David moved from Australia in order to fulfill his dream of making what he termed "movies with a message". What were your dreams and ambitions when you were a child? How about as an adult? Did you achieve any of them? If so, how? How did either pursuing or achieving your dreams affect your life positively or negatively? What dreams do you still have for your future? **Related Scripture: Matthew 5:6 – Pursuing the things that matter**
- David talked about now that he can look back at what God was doing 10 years earlier, he can see God's plan more clearly. He spoke of how *Facing the Giants* came out right after Mel Gibson's hugely successful *The Passion of the Christ*. Hollywood then began seeking out more faith-based films to produce, which paved the way for all his other films to be produced. Many times we cannot see the plan of God at the time, but only in the rear view mirror, so to speak. Have you ever considered that God might have a plan for your life? If so, have you ever pushed back against His will for your life, or gone in another direction, putting your will, desires and ambitions before God's? Looking back over your life, can you begin to see how God has been with you, guiding you at certain places in your life? **Related Scripture: Jeremiah 1:5 – God's plan for a life**
- David said that with every movie he produces he has a group of people he calls the "prayer warriors" that pray each day on the set for each scene as they shoot. He attributes the success and acceptance of his movies to them. What do you think of

that statement? What are your thoughts on prayer in general? Do you think that prayer actually has an impact on life, or does it just make people feel better? Do you believe that all those “coincidences” that David spoke of are correctly attributed to prayer? As a group, share with each other the place of prayer in your life. How often do you pray? How much do you depend on prayer? Have you or someone you know ever had an experience like David where prayer was specifically answered? ***Related Scripture: James 5:16 – The Power of prayer***

Closing Prayer

Lord, I confess that I sometimes put my plans, my dreams and my priorities above everything and everyone else. Please begin to give me eyes to see your plan for my life and help me to be humble enough to follow where you lead. Begin to replace my will with yours, O God. Amen.