



# Men's Golf Fellowship

## Speaker Discussion Questions

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## Discussion Guide

### **Spiritual Topics: Life's Foundations, Life's Purpose, And Personal Change**

#### **About the Talk**

Dave had it all. A successful college coaching career, a good marriage, a happy family life and yet, as he tells it, there was still something missing. It wasn't until he was challenged by the Miami University football chaplain to jump in with both feet with God that something clicked. Dave shared very humbly how he began to change as a result of a "Trial and Error" experiment with God. Let's spend some time discussing Dave's faith experiment and the changes that occurred in his life and see what we can learn from him.

#### **Discussion Questions**

- Toward the end of his talk, Dave told the story of a crack that formed on an interior wall of a house. The owner patched it several times and each time it returned even bigger. He finally called an expert who discovered that the wall in the house wasn't the problem; it was the foundation that was cracked. Pause for a moment and consider what foundational beliefs your life is built upon (i.e. financial security will bring happiness, having the "right" friends, being in the perfect marital relationship, being considered the smartest person in the room, being the most successful, having the lowest handicap, etc.). How has that brought you happiness? Have you ever wondered if there was something more substantial to build your life around? ***Related Scripture: Matthew 7:24-27***
- Dave spoke of having it all at the University of Miami after they won the National Championship. He explained that after winning the National Championship he sat on the beach and reflected on his life. He had success in his career, his family and marriage were doing fine, job offers were coming in, yet he described a feeling of emptiness that day. Can you relate to that at all? Have you ever had times in your life when you felt like you had it all, that everything seemed to be clicking, that you had life by the tail? Have you ever felt at times that something was missing, or have emptiness like Dave did? What did you do, if anything, to fill that void in your life? ***Related Scripture: Ecclesiastes 5:10***

- Dave was humbly honest and specific when describing how his “trial and error” experiment began to change him. Change can be good, but also hard. Take a few moments to consider how you have changed throughout your lifetime. What is one way in which you have changed? What was it that sparked those changes? Were the changes intentional or forced by circumstances? If there were one area in your life in which you would like to still see change, what would it be? ***Related Scripture: Romans 12:2***

### **Closing Prayer**

Lord, please help me to search out the areas in my life that need to change. I am sometimes too blind to my own needs to even be able to locate them. Even though change is difficult, help me to understand that if it will please you, it is good. Amen. (Based on Psalm 139:23-24)