



MESSAGE SERIES GUIDE

Timberlake Church

Pastor Shane McCroskey
Thrive
With God
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FOR LEADER:

In preparation for group discussion, take a few minutes to read through the scriptures and discussion questions

MESSAGE RECAP:

Thriving with God does not look like living a perfect life. It does not mean that all your problems go away and that life gets easier. It does, however, mean that you have set aside more room in your life for God.

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SCRIPTURE TO READ:

Ephesians 3:20-21 (NIV)

ADDITIONAL:

Psalms 1:1-3, Matthew 23:25-26, Luke 19:1-2, 5-8, Lamentations 3:22-23, Proverbs 3:5-6 (NIV)

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. Read Ephesians 3:20-21. What does the writer Paul mean when he says God can do *immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine*?
2. Continuing to look at Ephesians 3:20-21. How does God's power work within us? Share about a time you saw God working through you in a powerful way.
3. Pastor Shane spoke about thriving with God, and he suggested that thriving with God does not look like all our problems disappearing. Why do most of our problems remain even after we choose to follow God?
4. How do you currently make room for God in your own life?
5. Read Matthew 23:25-26. Why does Jesus have us first clean the inside of our cup before making room for him?
6. During the times you have made room for God on the inside, what has been different about you on the outside? Do other people notice?
7. Lamentations 3:22-23 says the *Lord's compassions never fail, and they are new every morning*. Why do our past failures linger?
8. When we invite God in, we are inviting the good in. How can you remember to let go of your past failures and hold on to the good in your life?
9. Starting this week, how can you begin to make more room for God?