



VISION SUNDAY

NEW YEAR'S EVE

December 31, 2017

TEACHING BIG IDEA:

God will do immeasurably more with a life fully surrendered to Him.

TEACHING SUMMARY:

This teaching challenges all who are associated with Westside Family Church to embrace a vision of where God can lead this body of believers. God's story is always bigger than our own. Since there is a desire in all of us to be a part of something bigger than ourselves, our next step of faith is to better understand what God's bigger story is for us. In Ephesians 3 we learn that God can "do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine." Our part is to allow God's power to work within us by asking God for that power and by fully surrendering our lives to God. As generations of the church continue to follow Jesus in this way, God is glorified. God can do immeasurable things in His church and through His church when His church allows God to empower His body. For our part, Westside Family Church embraces a vision of influencing 10,000 people with the mission of Loving Jesus, Becoming Like Jesus, and Sharing Jesus in the next 10 years. As a focus for 2018 Westside Family Church sees 500 people sharing their story of taking a next step in a group or growth track. We are not responsible for the size or the measure of our cups; however, our responsibility is to allow God to fill our cups and then empty our cups to influence others.

TALK IT OVER (DISCUSS ONE OR MORE):

Share a story from your past of being part of a group. How did being part of something bigger make you feel? What are your thoughts about "all of us desire to be a part of something bigger than ourselves"?

What do you think God's vision for the world is? Where is history going? Does God have a part for you in His vision for the world? Do you desire to be a part of God's plan? Why or why not?

What are ways that we limit God and what He can do through us? How is God glorified when we are fully surrendered to Him?

What does it mean to not be responsible for the measure of our cups? What are we responsible for?

What are examples of stories that might be shared in 2018 as part of the Westside Family Church vision of seeing 500 people sharing their story of taking a next step in a group or growth track? Are you open to being one of the 500?

OTHER SCRIPTURES TO READ:

Matthew 28:18-20

Acts 1:8

Acts 16:9

John 3:16-17