



## STUDY GUIDE – July 5, 2020

**Message Title: Horizon – Follow the Plan**

**Teaching Pastor: Bryan Pope**

*This study guide has been designed for Small Groups in mind, and can be used by individuals as well.*

### **Warm-up/Icebreaker:**

What is something you have built or have been involved in building, that you are proud to have undertaken? Consider sharing a specific moment of the experience.

### **Pray:**

Dear Lord, thank you for the opportunity to have this time to grow deeper in our faith, *together*. Please increase our understanding of you and propel our conversations toward You. Help us to move quickly and steadily and with purpose, ready to leave behind what we have known because we greatly desire to know You more and what You have planned for us. In Jesus' name. Amen.

### **Get Started:**

Take 2 - 3 minutes to individually reflect on each of our Five Purposes at PCC that Pastor Bryan spoke about as follows:

1. **Know God** - Church
2. **Discover Your Purpose** - Growth Track
3. **Get Real** - Small Groups
4. **Make A Difference** - Dream Team
5. **Be The Change** - Do Good/Missions

- Briefly share with the group where you are in each category, i.e. have you taken the 52 week commitment, gone through Growth Track, joined a small group, stepped onto a Dream Team, or tackled a Do Good project, etc.?
- If you have not found purpose in a certain category, what is holding you back?

“We are all on a journey and your spiritual journey is just that - a JOURNEY. And journeys require action and forward motion - and while not everyone's will look the same, they ALL consist of next steps. One by one, moving toward whatever God is revealing to you as he is working in your life. We support your next steps and your spiritual journey through the five purposes I just described here - but it's up to YOU to start moving! No one knows what the horizon of your life looks like, but I do know this, that horizon in front of you, the future that is there, is so much better than anything you could imagine when you put Jesus at the center of your life.” ~Pastor Bryan Pope

### **Watch and Discuss video:**

Most of the time, when we think of the giants of faith, disciples of Jesus, we quickly go to James, John, Peter, and Paul. Matthew is someone where little is known of him in the Bible, and perhaps he is not the “first pick” in the lineup to talk about. Although God did choose some influential big voices in the Bible, he also chose people who were very unlikely and quiet, ones we don’t hear about all the time.

- What are some unlikely ways you’ve seen God use unlikely people — either from Bible times or your own life?
- Share a time when you were on the guest list of an important event. How do special invitations like that make you feel?

### **Reflect and Commit:**

#### **Read 1 Corinthians 12:4-31**

- What should you do to ensure that you are actually using your gift for the building up of the body?
- Why does diversity in the body tend to be stifled? How can we guard against this?

#### **Reread 1 Corinthians 12:31 and Psalm 37:4 (try to read various translations)**

- If Jesus were sitting with you and asked you, “What are the greatest desires of your heart?,” how would you respond?

### **Pray:**

Dear Jesus, help us to apply action and momentum to our spiritual journey. Help us to desire to start and continue moving toward the next step. Holy Spirit, enable us to move into the unknown, into newness, with you at the center of our lives. Please help us to remember that the future is so much better than anything we could imagine. May we grow more eager with each day, to follow Your plan and step into the horizon You have before us. We pray all these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.