



STUDY GUIDE

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Message Series:

Beyond

Message Title:

Beyond Where We've Been

Teaching Pastor:

Angie Frame

Warm-up/Icebreaker: (5 min.)

What is the highest thing you've ever climbed or share about a time you experienced high heights? Were you afraid? How did it feel?

Pray:

Dear Lord, we praise and glorify You. We give thanks for Your great love. You saved us from sin and shame, and we show our gratefulness by loving and serving the world around us. You're calling us to stretch and to understand that our eternal impact truly matters. We are open and ready to hear from You. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Get Started: (20 min.)

- How are you different from a year ago? What have you learned about yourself or God?
- How has the church/PCC or other helped you grow in your faith?

"A 'JUST ONE' is the single person that we feel like God puts in our lives to invest in, invite to church, and maybe someday, get to introduce to Jesus. Going Beyond Our Limits means reaching 1,000 Just Ones. It's us—you and me—each investing in just one person and hopefully getting the chance someday to introduce them to Jesus." - Pastor Angie Frame

- Have you had or currently have a Just One? Describe how you have invited and/or invested? What was the outcome?

"If you are investing in a Just One—building a real, authentic relationship—thank you. If you've invited Just One person to come to church—thank you. If you've gotten to introduce them to Jesus, well, then you don't need me to thank you, because you already know what a tremendous honor that is....And hey, it's never too late. You can be part of our church going Beyond Our Limits to reach more people than ever before by identifying your Just One for the second half of Beyond. In doing that, you can be like the very first followers of Jesus.....Now, it's time to invest in, invite, and introduce your Just One." - Pastor Angie Frame

Watch and Discuss Video (running time 8:29 minutes, 20 minute discussion)

- Is there a way that you have pushed beyond your limits in your life?

Read Matthew 14:13-21.

- How does Jesus show the disciples that belief in the provision of God unlocks the power of God?
- What elements of this story help you to see the value of our church going beyond its limits?

Read Isaiah 55:8-11.

- How do these verses encourage you as a Christ-follower?

Read Philippians 3:14.

- Do you have spiritual goals? What are they and how do you press on and stay focused on accomplishing them? If not, does something come to mind that you would like to work on to grow spiritually?

Reflect and Commit: (20 min.)

- How does the following quote from Pastor Angie help us in sharing our faith with others?

“There are people all around us, maybe even in this room, who haven’t experienced the forgiveness that Jesus offers. And if you have, then you know. You know the freedom of getting to live without being weighed down with guilt and shame.

There are people all around us, maybe even in this room, who are living paralyzed by fear and failure, regret and rejection. And if you’ve been healed of that kind of paralysis, then you know. You know the freedom of living with hope and purpose.

There are people all around us, maybe even in this room, who are orphans—literally or figuratively. They don’t have anyone to address them with love as “son” or “daughter.” But if you do, then you know. You know the worth of living as one who is loved and valued.

If God has taken you beyond who you used to be, what you’ve done, and where you’ve been, then you know. You know how life changing Beyond is. So, let’s unite in collective belief that God can take all of us—our entire church—beyond where we’ve been and what we’ve done, because we know from our own personal experiences that he’s done it for us.” - Pastor Angie Frame

- Would you say that you are a part of the Beyond Initiative? If yes, what impact has it had on you, how has it increased your faith? Pastor Angie mentions many ways our church has gone beyond its limits. What part of Beyond has meant the most to you?

(If you're not a part, what is holding you back? If you are new to PCC you can find more information online and our church leaders would be happy to answer any of your questions.)

Gather prayer requests and pray. (5-10 min.)

Pray:

Dear Lord, we acknowledge that Your Kingdom has been expanding from the first century until now. Your Spirit gives the church a force that moves outward. You invite us to be a part of Your work. Help us to become great examples of You, Lord Jesus. Be with us as we focus and learn more about this calling to go beyond our limits, beyond who we’ve been and what we’ve done to reach people more than ever before in Your name. Amen.