



COMMUNITY OF FAITH

MESSAGE BASED DISCUSSION GUIDE

Series: I Need a Miracle Things I have learned in 80 years

Hey y'all, grace and peace,

We had the opportunity to year from Pastor Damon Shook one last time. Though he delivered this message 4 years ago, it is remarkably relevant to our current situation, and packed full of truths we can apply to our lives. If you missed it, find it on our YouTube page.

I'm not saying that I have this all together, that I have it made. But I am well on my way, reaching out for Christ, who has so wondrously reached out for me. Friends, don't get me wrong: By no means do I count myself an expert in all of this, but I've got my eye on the goal, where God is beckoning us onward—to Jesus. I'm off and running, and I'm not turning back.

Philippians 3:12-14 The Message

Here are the 8 things Damon learned in 80 years with the Scripture he used to support them:

1. I have learned how much I **Don't Know** so I must keep on learning.

"But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ."
2 Peter 3:18

2. I have learned that the Bible is **True** and **Reliable**.

"All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work." 2 Timothy 3:16-17

3. I have learned that God is **Faithful** even if I am not.

"If we are unfaithful, he remains faithful, for he cannot deny who he is." 2 Timothy 2:13

4. I have learned the Christian life is not difficult but **Impossible**.

"For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out." Romans 7:18

5. I have learned that our faith must **Be Lived Out** everyday.

"But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord." Joshua 24:15

6. I have learned that **Contentment** and **Joy** have nothing to do with circumstances. *"I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do all this through him who gives me strength."* Philippians 4:11-13 NIV

7. I have learned that **Praise** and **Thanksgiving** are essential to a life of fullness. *"give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."* 1 Thessalonians 5:18

8. I have learned that **Serving Others** is much better than living for self. *"For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."* Mark 10:45

Spend some time reading these over and meditating on them. Ask yourself which of these stand out to you as things you can work on or practice in your day to day.

For me, number 6 stands out as something I need to remember. I need to not let my circumstances affect my contentment as often as I do.

See number 8. *What are some ways you can serve other's remotely during this season?*

How can you remind yourself, or keep to yourself accountable to growing in one or two of these areas daily?