



"STRONGER - FUTURE"

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INTRODUCTION

Stronger is a series that will inspire you to intentionally strive to be STRONGER in key areas of your life. Today we talked about preparing for the FUTURE. In the coming weeks we hope to encourage you to be STRONGER in your FOUNDATIONAL CHOICES. We want to have a conversation about having a STRONGER FAMILY, and a STRONGER FOCUS. So join us as we come together each week to become STRONGER in 2020!

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. As you step into 2020, is there an area of life that you wish you were STRONGER? If comfortable, briefly share with the group.
 - **Read John 10:10.** Do you ever feel like there is a thief who is constantly trying to destroy you? What does God want for you?
2. **IF YOU WANT A STRONGER FUTURE...BE INTENTIONAL**
 - **Read Philippians 3:13-14.** Looking at Paul's "life statement" in this passage, take a few moments as a group to really talk about the things in your lives that you really WANT to make better in 2020.
3. **GOAL 1...FORGIVE IT.**
 - Jeremiah reminds us that if we need to forgive...DO IT! Read **Colossians 3:13, Matthew 5:23-24** and **Matthew 6:14-15.** Why does he encourage us to do this? Is it just because God tells us to, or is it for our benefit?
4. **GOAL 2...FIX IT.**
 - **Read Hebrews 12:1-2a** and **1 Corinthians 9:25-26.**
 - What do you need to "intentionally" FIX in 2020?
5. **GOAL 3...FLUSH IT.**
 - Our goal is to press on towards Jesus, but often we get caught up in doing things that do not bring us closer. **Read Philippians 3:7-8** and discuss as a group what Paul is saying to the church of Philippi.
 - **In Philippians 3:10a** Paul says, "*I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection*". How can we make this our goal in 2020.

CHALLENGE

By God's grace we can have a stronger future. In 2020, let's encourage each other to intentionally forgive the person (or people) we need to forgive; fix the things we know we need to fix; and "flush" the things that keep us from pressing on towards the goal! Join us next week as we talk about having a STRONGER FOUNDATION!

COMMIT TO MEMORY

*Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus. **Philippians 3:13-14***

PRAY FOR EACH OTHER

Share prayer requests, and commit to praying for one another until you next meet.