

OUTSIDE THE BOX

Outside The Box

Part 2 - "Get Outside The Box"

Small Group Material

July 30th, 2017

Participant Guide

Bottom Line: *Do what you can with what you have where you are.*

Study Verses: *2 Peter 1:1-10, Exodus 4:1-17, 2 Timothy 1:6-14, Micah 6:8*

Key Points

- ***Shift your lens towards your strengths.***
- ***We err on the side of comfort rather than erring on the side of action.***
- ***The culture of comparison is rising up in our generation.***
- ***Christians have become very good at telling the world what their convictions are, but doing nothing about them.***
- ***Be observant around you, keep your lens in front of you, and respond to a need.***
- ***We are so scared to make a mistake that we do nothing. We fail to realize that in doing nothing we've made a mistake.***
- ***You've been given everything you need to be a light in this world.***
- ***Lay down your insecurities, lay down your fear of failure, lay down your fear of making mistakes, and work out what is already in you.***
- ***Stop overcomplicating everything and take your first step.***
- ***Christ meets us where we are so we can in turn meet others where they are.***

ENCOUNTER

- What insight did you gain from taking the spiritual gifts assessment? What were your greatest strengths? What results surprised you the most?
- What do you tend to focus on: your strengths or your weaknesses? Why does your attention tend to drift in this direction? What does it look like to shift your lens towards your strengths?
- What lies do fear, insecurity, and comparison want us to believe in? How does fear bring the focus off of others and onto ourselves?

FORMATION

- Read Exodus 4:1-17. What was preventing Moses from living "outside the box" and taking a step of faith? When it came to the situation at hand, what was Moses focusing on? How did God respond to Moses's protests?
- Read 2 Peter 1:1-10. God has given you everything you need to go out and be a light to this world. Do you agree with this statement? Why or why not? What makes you answer in the way that you do?
- Read 2 Timothy 1:6-14. According to this passage, what spirit has God placed within us? How should this influence the way we respond to fear?
- Read Micah 6:8. How do we overcomplicate God's will for our lives? What is God asking each one of us to do?

EXPRESSION

- What tends to be the excuses you use to explain your fears or justify your inactivity? What truth needs to replace these fears?
- Go back to the spiritual gifts survey. How are you currently using your greatest strength? What is one weakness (low score) that you need to work on and exercise more?
- What are the needs around you? What is one step you can take to further use this gift to make an impact and serve others?