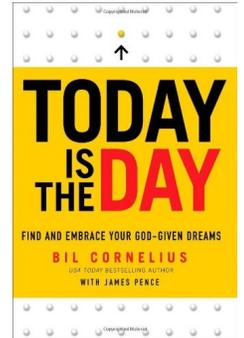


Chapter 1. Your dreams are from God. (Psalm 37:4, Nehemiah 1:1-6, 2:7-8, 16-17, Luke 6:45)

Leader: We all have dreams. Those dreams may be burning within us to be fulfilled. God has pre-wired us for our dreams. Some of us may have doubts whether our dreams are really from God. There are eight clues that can help us test and validate the desires of our hearts. God-given dreams will...

1. Be powerful and persistent; We talk ourselves out of them, but they keep coming back.
2. Solve a problem for others
3. Include a burden for (helping) people
4. Involve access; God will put us in close proximity to the things we need to learn to make our dreams a reality
5. Help God's work in the world
6. Grow from our abilities and talents
7. May grow out of our adversities, our trials and struggles
8. Seem crazy or arrogant



Question/Activity: Without explanation, what are your dreams? What do you want to do? Take a moment to write them in a journal or piece of paper.

Leader Note: Everyone has something they are naturally, or supernaturally, drawn to do. God is calling us to take bold action and fulfill our daring, outrageous, God-given dreams.

Chapter 2. God wants you to think big, then think even bigger. (Amos 4:13, Genesis 15:5, 17:17, 18:12-14, Philippians 4:19, Acts 2:41, Isaiah 55:8-9)

Leader: "You will never make \$250,000 a year with that \$100,000 a year attitude you walked in here with," *The Ten-Minute Coach*. Whether out of fear or a desire to appear humble, we have a tendency to get by with scaled-down dreams that appear achievable. We sell ourselves short by thinking too small. A God-given dream will be so big that when we talk about it, we will want to laugh out loud. The dreams God gives to us will seem so crazy and outlandish that if those dreams came true, God would receive all the glory. God wants to give us dreams that are greater than ourselves.

Question: What would your dreams look like if you added a zero to the end of them?

Leader Note: It is amazing what God will do when we get bigness in our hearts. We can gain a sense of bigness in our hearts by getting close to something big like sitting inside an empty stadium or viewing a star-filled sky. "Change of place plus change of pace equals change of perspective," Mark Batterson.