

It's important that God's Word continues after the message. At Celebrate, we find that you will talk over this week's message long after our experience is over. That's because God has lasting impact. The Sermon Discussion Guide is designed to help you continue the conversation all week.

It's Time to Dig a Ditch

What blessings is God withholding because we are not doing the work He asks us to do? God wants to bless us beyond our greatest imaginings, but He doesn't just give it to us. We need to be willing to start digging our ditches to get the process going. We can begin just with a small spoonful of dirt: just one step of saying yes to God's promptings. Disciplining ourselves to prepare for God's blessings is a test of faith.

Your greatest need can be your greatest blessing when you draw close to God. He doesn't just meet our needs. He exceeds them. God's blessings come in many different forms and are more than we can comprehend. What is your greatest need right now? job, relationship, finances, time? Have you asked God to meet that need? What is God asking you to do to prepare for that blessing? Do you pray with expectation and trust that God will help you?

Philippians 4:7; Romans 8:6; 2 Kings 3:16-20

God asks us to show Him that we trust Him to meet our needs. If you will do what you can do, God will do what you cannot. Has God asked you to do some work that you really don't want to do? What is stopping you from digging the ditches that God asks you to dig? What blessings have you seen God accomplish for yourself or others, as a result of specific acts of obedience?

Acts 17:25; Job 42:1-3; Luke 5:18-20

God provided the 'bridge' back to Him by sending His Son to pay the price for our sins. Have you made the choice to take the first step onto that bridge? Have you fully surrendered your life to Jesus? Are you following Jesus for what you get, or for what you can give?

1 Peter 1:18-21; Ephesians 2:8-10

Make it Real

- Identify your greatest needs – ask God to help you.
- Pray for strength to overcome fear and hesitation in doing God's work.
- Find someone to share your faith story with.