Celebrate community church

Sermon Discussion Guide
Playing The Hand You've Been Dealt - Part 1
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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.

Five Card Stud

We've all been given the lives we've been given, or dealt the cards we've been dealt so to speak. This weekend we looked at God's promises in His Word and how when we understand our own cards, God can use them in and through our lives. There are **four** things you need to know about your hand: 1.) Every one of your cards is flawed 2.) God sent His Son to transform the cards you were dealt 3.) Everybody will give an account of how they played their cards 4.) God gave us the Bible to tell us how to win every time!

Five factors that make you, YOU:

- (Card #1) My DNA - Our genes are intentionally flawed to make each of us unique. What about your genes, or DNA, makes you unique? How can you focus on this uniqueness as a gift from God?
  Psalm 139: 1-7, 13-14, Jeremiah 1:5; Isaiah 49:1-5

- (Card #2) My Relationships - This includes our parents, siblings, children, friends, or spouse. What are some things you do to maintain and improve your relationship with Jesus? Discuss what staying connected to Him might do for your relationships with the people in your life. *Hebrews 12:14; Ephesians 5:21-28; Ephesians 6:1-8*
- (Card #3) My Environment - What kind of environment were you "dealt"? How has this impacted the person you are today? Does your environment today look similar to or different than the environment in which you grew up? Discuss how God can use your story to encourage others.
- (Card #4) My Thoughts - We are often our own worst critic unfortunately since most of what we tell ourselves about ourselves is a lie. Do you talk to your friends the way you talk to yourself? How can you change the narrative you tell yourself in light of the fact that you are created in God's image for a specific purpose?
  Proverbs 4:23-24; Mark 7:20-23; Titus 1:15-16

- (Card #5) My Choices - This card is the game changer. Everything about your life is determined by this one card. How can you choose what you think about? Discuss how your choice of friends affects your life and purpose. What is something you can do this week to live with more love?
  Philippians 4:8; Proverbs 13:20; 1 Corinthians 14:1

What's Next

- Think about the cards you've been dealt and think/write about how God might use your cards in and through you.
- Thank God for making you, YOU!
- Live with LOVE. Walk into a room with the mindset to see who might need you.